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ATV Association Remains at Odds with Fishtail Lake

Members of the Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) and the Fishtail Lake Sportsman's Club continue to be at odds over whether or not Kennaway Road is part of an old colonization road and therefore open for use by the public or part of a road built by private developers on private land and not to be trespassed upon.

When this issue was raised at Dysart's last Council meeting Council reached the conclusion that, given extreme opposing views, legal advice would have to be sought. After all, they had heard allegations about trespassing, unauthorized tree cutting and signs being nailed up on private property and there was no resolution in sight. Unfortunately for all concerned, although there were two legal opinions provided they were as conflicting as the positions taken by the parties involved. Colonization roads were established in central and eastern Ontario during the mid 19th century to open land up for settlement and development. These roads passed through some extremely rugged terrain and many of them have either been replaced with more modern roads or have fallen into disuse, while others remain as trails running through the forests, offering important links for and areas to be explored by recreational users.

One legal opinion offered by W. D. Russell (of Russell, Christie, LLP in Orillia) for the Fishtail Lake Club said that the major colonization roads in the area were the Monck Road to the south and the Peterson Road to the north. Russell found no evidence of a colonization road traversing the lands in question. Russell based his evidence on Colonization Road Work Reports dating back to 1862.

Russell also found that the Burleigh Colonization Road, which was described as being very injudiciously located in one report, had originally been intended to extend north to the Peterson Road via Kennaway. However, Russell concluded that this portion of the road was never completed as part of the original colonization road.

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"I hope we can get beyond all of the finger pointing."
(Murray Fearrey)

Public Invited to Comment on Proposed Airport Expansion

The public is finally about to get an opportunity to participate in an information session being held as part of the federal environmental assessment of the proposed expansion of the Stanhope Airport. According to reports from Industry Canada, this is the first step in the official consultation period which forms part of their environmental review. The meetings is scheduled to be held on July 23rd at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre on the North Shore Road from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Jennifer Clark, the Senior Environmental Review and Approval Officer told the Voice, "The purpose of this information session is really to focus on the process

Seventeen Dogs Barking Dysart Considers Limiting the Number of Dogs on Residential Properties

If you have more than three dogs on a residential property in Dysart et al, you just might have a problem.

This week the Dysart Council decided to take another look at limiting the number of dogs that can be kept or owned on residential properties within the Municipality. While discussions in the past about this controversial step did not result in a by-law being put in place, the Council was faced with a letter of complaint that was serious enough to bring the matter to a head once again.

Jean Henderson of West Guilford wrote to Council about her neighbours and their 17 dogs. According to Henderson all of the dogs are kept on the neighbours' deck and they are barking a good deal of the time. In her letter to Council she details the dates and times over five days when the dogs are barking and it is considerable.

She wrote, "It's time to move out of the dark ages and make some changes," and suggested that no more than three dogs be allowed on a residential property unless you own 50 acres or

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Stephen Patrick
Editor



Lochlin Reunion Celebrates SS#12

Twenty five former students of the Lochlin School gathered together last Saturday to celebrate old times, happy memories, and to launch a fund-raising drive. The School was built in 1949, and closed in 1967. During its lifetime the Lochlin School had only one teacher, Mrs. Celia Brown, who was greatly loved and honoured by all her pupils. Mrs. Brown died last year at the age of 99.

"Mrs. Brown was truly an elegant woman," commented former student Dan Davison. "She loved her students, and brought a real



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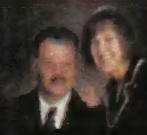


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Above Right, The Robertson Girls: From left, Linda, Doris, Donna, and Ruby: all alumni of the Lochlin School.

Above: One of Mrs. Brown's 1950 classes.

sense of culture to the area. She was always available to help with any extra work – and she made the whole school experience both fun and challenging." Mr. Davison's sister, Becky Lowing, travelled all the way from Conneautville, Pennsylvania, to be at the reunion. "Mrs. Brown was certainly special – she got us all off on the right track, that's for sure."

Helen Burk spent eight years at the school, and was one of the organizers of the reunion.

She said that they hope to raise enough money this summer to preserve the building, now known as the Lochlin Community Centre. On August 8th beginning at 11 am the Lochlin Hall Committee is hosting a Family Fun Day in Lochlin featuring horseshoe tournaments, a BBQ and refreshments, games for the whole family, a country auction, pony rides, clowns, and live entertainment from the Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders. For further information call Paula Reid at 457-3557. ■

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▲ 24° ▼ 15°

SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy, chance of showers

▲ 23° ▼ 15°

MONDAY



Partly cloudy, slight chance of showers

▲ 24° ▼ 16°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy

▲ 24° ▼ 16°

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

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City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk
Acapulco	31/26/pc	32/26/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	32/26/pc	32/25/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	31/26/pc	32/26/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	32/26/pc	32/26/su	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/27/ts	31/26/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	32/25/ts	32/26/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	30/24/ts	31/24/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	31/24/ts	32/24/pc	29/23/na
Cancun	32/26/pc	32/26/pc	32/26/na	St Thomas	32/26/su	32/26/pc	32/26/pc
Curacao	31/26/pc	32/26/pc	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	31/26/pc	31/26/pc	31/27/su
Freeport	31/25/ts	32/26/pc	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	27/19/ts	28/19/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/24/ts	31/25/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	32/26/su	32/26/pc	31/25/pc
Havana	32/26/pc	33/26/ts	34/24/su	San Salvador	32/25/ts	31/24/pc	32/22/su
Key West	32/26/ts	32/27/pc	33/28/ts	Santo Domingo	31/26/ts	32/26/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	32/27/pc	32/26/su	33/32/su	Trinidad	32/26/ts	32/25/ts	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	24/16/pc	23/15/sh	24/15/pc	23/15/sh	24/16/sh	24/16/pc	26/14/pc
Barrie	25/17/pc	23/15/sh	24/14/pc	23/14/sh	24/15/pc	24/16/pc	26/14/pc
Dorset	24/16/pc	24/16/sh	24/14/pc	23/15/sh	24/16/pc	25/16/pc	26/14/pc
Haliburton	24/16/pc	23/15/sh	24/15/pc	23/15/sh	24/16/pc	24/16/pc	26/14/pc
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Kingston	24/17/pc	23/16/sh	24/14/pc	23/14/sh	24/15/sh	24/16/pc	25/15/pc
Lindsay	25/17/pc	23/15/sh	24/14/pc	23/14/sh	24/15/pc	24/16/pc	26/14/pc
Minden	24/16/pc	24/15/sh	24/14/pc	23/14/sh	24/15/pc	25/16/pc	26/14/pc
Oshawa	25/17/pc	23/16/sh	24/14/pc	23/14/sh	24/14/pc	24/16/pc	25/15/pc
Ottawa	23/16/pc	23/16/sh	24/14/pc	23/17/sh	23/16/sh	24/16/pc	26/14/pc
Toronto	25/16/pc	23/15/sh	24/14/pc	22/14/sh	24/14/pc	24/16/pc	26/14/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Calgary	22/13/su	31/16/sh	26/13/su	24/13/sh	23/13/sh	24/13/ts	27/14/pc
Edmonton	21/13/pc	26/13/ts	20/7/sh	18/6/sh	17/4/sh	18/7/ts	23/10/pc
Fredericton	22/13/sh	23/14/ts	20/13/sh	19/13/sh	18/12/sh	19/13/sh	21/12/pc
Halifax	21/13/cl	26/16/sh	20/15/cl	18/14/cl	18/13/cl	18/14/cl	20/13/sh
Montreal	22/17/pc	21/15/sh	23/16/sh	23/17/sh	24/17/sh	24/16/sh	26/15/pc
Regina	26/11/su	31/16/pc	26/13/pc	27/14/pc	25/13/pc	24/13/ts	26/11/pc
St. John's	19/12/pc	22/12/sh	20/13/cl	16/11/cl	15/10/cl	14/11/sh	17/10/sh
Saskatoon	21/12/pc	28/14/pc	23/9/cl	26/10/cl	24/9/cl	23/8/ts	26/9/pc
Vancouver	22/15/pc	24/15/su	23/12/su	21/13/sh	20/12/sh	21/13/su	26/16/su
Whitehorse	23/7/pc	22/8/pc	18/6/sh	18/6/sh	17/4/sh	18/6/sh	17/5/sh
Winnipeg	22/9/pc	26/12/pc	22/10/sh	27/11/sh	24/10/sh	24/11/ts	21/9/ts

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Sunday 7/12	20°C	9°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 7/11	24°C	16°C	0.5 mm
Friday 7/10	26°C	11°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 7/9	18°C	8°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 7/8	18°C	8°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 7/7	18°C	8°C	0.0 mm

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
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Fri. 7/17	5:44 a.m./8:56 p.m.	12:53 a.m./4:48 p.m.
Sat. 7/18	5:45 a.m./8:56 p.m.	1:34 a.m./6:01 p.m.
Sun. 7/19	5:46 a.m./8:55 p.m.	2:28 a.m./7:07 p.m.
Mon. 7/20	5:47 a.m./8:54 p.m.	3:36 a.m./8:01 p.m.
Tues. 7/21	5:48 a.m./8:53 p.m.	4:56 a.m./8:44 p.m.
Wed. 7/22	5:49 a.m./8:52 p.m.	6:21 a.m./9:17 p.m.



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Part XII in the "Where Are They Now?" series

Letter of the Week

The Editor
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"Most of the owners and pilots of small aircraft that I have met are not wealthy."

I respect what Reeve Eleanor Harrison and her Council are trying to do for Haliburton, and in unison, for all those using the Stanhope Airport. I am a pilot and the owner of a small aircraft based there. Contrary to what the lake association and early press coverage seemed to conclude, this airport does cry out for a cross runway, and there is no technical reason against it proceeding.

There has been an unfortunate effort to turn the public against the current users of the airport. Published statements such as "All this fuss so 20 or so people can play with their toys" are inaccurate and really attempt to cloud the true intent and wider benefit for all citizens of Haliburton. Most of the owners and pilots of small aircraft that I have met are not wealthy. Many small aircraft are old and cost less than an SUV to purchase. Many drive well-used vehicles and cut back irrationally in other areas to support their 'love of flight'. Sometimes this is very difficult even for our loved ones to understand. We owe them a great debt for their indulgence.

In my view the project is not primarily for the owners and pilots now using Stanhope airport. The current runway is 2500 feet long. An alternate runway is needed but there is currently not an aircraft here that needs more than a 2500' cross runway. The project calls for 4000'.

I don't think anyone would have stood in the way of another short runway to address the safety issue. Any attempt to block it may have been seen to be self serving and uncaring when it would not have expanded the airport substantially. On the other hand, the costs might be almost the same for a short runway and if all this were done only for the current flyers, the critics would have a case. But this was never the intent of Council.

This 'project' will allow the community to be well served by aviation in the future.

The longer 4000' capability planned is for all the people of Haliburton in two important ways:

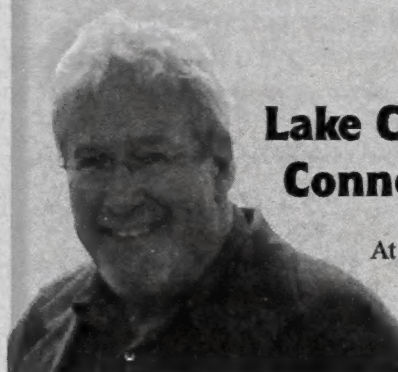
First, detractors suggest that even after all the planned airport improvements; it still could not accommodate aircraft that would provide useful service to the average resident. I don't see that. Porter Airlines operate the Canadian built Q400 Dash 8 exclusively. They are very successful and are still expanding with new routes from their base on Toronto Island. The longest runway on Toronto Island is 3988 feet.

Modern regional aircraft can be quiet, comfortable, efficient, and do not need more runway than this. Tickets are purchased 'on line' and you simply show up at the airport. It may be years away, but I can see a "Porter" style operation dropping in to Stanhope and Muskoka, then head off to Pearson, or perhaps Ottawa. Wouldn't it be attractive to be in Pearson in 30 minutes and board a connecting flight for a far away place? Will the provincial medical transport system ever operate a Dash 7 or 8 shuttle that drops into Stanhope and then reaches City Centre in 30 minutes, so a child can live at home in Haliburton and still get treatment several times a week at Sick Kids? Perhaps it will with a runway that will open the County to the world.

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



Lake Communities, Cottagers, Connections, and Clear Cuts

At the various Cottage and Property Owners Association meetings we've attended over the past number of weeks some clear themes have emerged, all of which have some political implications for the municipalities and the county.

The issue of connectivity or "when do we get high speed?" is almost as important to many cottagers as is the natural environment itself: in fact it could almost be seen as a key element in the social and business environment of Haliburton's Lake communities. To step back a bit, it's clear that Canada lags woefully behind most industrialized countries in the development of nation-wide broadband services, and in the pathetic lack of choice in major carriers. The U.S., and most of Europe, provides DSL and wireless services at speeds and rates that would astonish most Canadians. In downtown Haliburton, many businesses, including the Voice, struggle with download speeds that barely manage to get up to 2.5 mb/s: uploads are at a pathetic .65 mb/s. True, some residences and government offices in Haliburton and Minden manage speeds up to 5.5 mb/s and .95 respectively, but that's still well below world urban institutional standards.

Despite the access problems that so many have experienced across the county, Canada still ranks fairly high in Broadband penetration percentage, and use. Those figures are often used as a measure of the "maturity of a country's Internet infrastructure," says a report in ITWorld recently. In 2002 Canada ranked second in the world in broadband coverage: we're now ninth. Even that figure would surprise many in rural Canada: but in terms of speed, we're now ranked a very low 27th.

ITWorld goes on to say, "Quality of broadband is just as important, as it is linked to how quickly consumers can use bandwidth-intensive video, photo, music services and other applications. Sluggish broadband means technology companies are constrained, waiting for infrastructure upgrades... broadband networks need to be able to deliver download speeds of 3.75 mb/s and uploads at 1 mb/s. Twenty countries, including Canada, did not meet the requirement... research also indicates that as video usage becomes more popular over the next few years, download and upload speeds will need to be 11.25 mb/s and 5 mb/s respectively."

Despite the recent improvements in DSL coverage, there are still thousands of cottagers, permanent lake residents and others that have access only to dial-up or to the less than adequate (and expensive) satellite services such as Hughes and Xplomet, or to the elusive Xittel wireless service. If indeed the confident projections of various governments, businesses and institutions that the "Creative Economy" could be our economic saviour turn out to be right, then our Internet infrastructure is an absolute essential. Indeed, the "Creative Economy" seems tailor-made for a community like our own, with its passionate belief in the environment, and its strong communitarian sense of volunteerism and service.

The natural environment was, as always, front and centre as well in the various association's AGMs. An increasing concern for the preservation of natural waterfronts was evident, as was the almost universal support for the development and implementation of official Lake Plans. These Plans have the potential to become essential building blocks for the Official Plans of the various municipalities - as the high level of attendance of local politicians certainly proved. Frustration was also evident in the province's and federal government's slow reaction to local efforts to affect changes in the Trent Severn system of water management, a system that's only been in place for 100 years or so. On that one, it might be wise to hold your breath, for a while yet at least. ■

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The Highlander Rants By Terrance Seamus Gavan

Remembering Adolph, Benito and a Carlin Screed

A lot of celebrities have been biting the dust of late.

Michael Jackson, Farrah Fawcett, Gene Hackman, Guardian writer Steve Wells, and more recently, former Tennessee Titan quarterback, Steve McNair.

Mikey Jackson's funeral was last Tuesday, and thinking back, the music was extra special.

Smile, Michael's favorite song, sung by brother Jermaine said it all.

The elegies were perfect.

Little Stevie Wonder was ... well ... Little Stevie.

Superb, scintillating, sad, stunning and stingy with whispered, shushed sentiment for the harsh life of a sodden soul.

Child prodigy saying goodbye to another child prodigy.

Both, in their own way, hearken the slow-sung slake of an old, dead Welshman.

"Do not go gentle into that good night,

"Old age should burn and rave at close of day;

"Rage, rage against the dying of the light."

Ah, Dylan Thomas, he of his own quick dirge and distressed dance with decease.

Dylan died shortly after consuming 18 shots of whiskey.

"A record," he remarked.

He was 39. He died in New York in November, 1953.

Loved and admired in spite of – and some might say because of – his many flaws.

The good words about the good works and life-lived all fizzle into fungoed funk – too soon.

Big guns on the horizon.

Bet your life. TMZ, People and Entertainment Tonight are on the MJ case.

The tell-all screeds are looming.

We are all taught from an early age not to speak ill of the dead.

Sometimes we get a little carried away.

Jan Shepardson operates a eulogy writing web service called www.lovingeulogies.com.

She offers advice for the passing and parting shot: "Everybody deserves lovely words," Shepardson says. "Say lovely words."

I've done the research. Much resentment buried, in the forgiving light of a sunset.

Many ne'er do wells have had those "lovely words" pointedly and prodigiously proffered. Deserved or not.

Remember Adolf?

Do you perchance recall the long, flowing verbal semaphores that came-a-twinklin' when they pulled gentle Adolf and wheezy Eva from that well-stocked bunker in Berlin back on April 30th 1945?

A lot to remember about Adolf ... much of it not quite the stuff of heroic elegiac.

But there were some nice things said.

"Ah, Adolf," lamented his good friend, drinking buddy, and fellow world traveler, Winston Churchill.

"Remember the parades? Those marvelous mass meetings in the squares?" said Winnie the Poop, right after hearing the news. "Adolf brought us the pageantry. The Volkswagen Beetle, those planes, those ships, the Bismarck, those unguided rockets, those glorious phosphorous-lit nights in London, cooking dinner in the dark – always in the bloody, god-dam' dark - that popping prance with the Polish Cavalry. Bloody Hell! The Swastika, and those lovely concerts in the park! Adolf, you lovable, overmedicated, megalomaniacal, little sociopath ... goddamit' you little s**t! We'll miss you."

And what about young Benito Mussolini?

Benito teamed up with Adolf, and lamentable but still lovely cross-dressers Prime Minister Tojo and Emperor Hirohito in a messy little trio known as "Axis of Evil" - a lovely little tribute band, formed in memory of strung-out soloists Napoleon and Genghis Khan.

"Benito the Benevolent" was not one of Mussolini's many musical monikers.

But I still remember a beautiful Benito eulogy delivered by one Archie Bunker of Houser Street in Queens.

"Say what you will about Mussolini," said A. Bunker, working class hero, "But the trains ran on time!"

Ah, "those were the days."

"Say nice words ... everybody deserves those nice words."

George Carlin, who was no stranger to life's lithe lumps, summed it all up quite nicely in a short routine, which hearkens Ms. Shepardson but with a twist.

Carlin starts a monologue playing both parts of two old men discussing mutual acquaintances.

Stuff you might hear at a diner during a reunion of two old friends.

"Hey, how's Ted?" says old Ray.

"Oh, Ted, yeah, poor Ted ... Ted's dead, Ray," says Tom.

"Ahhh, no, poor old Ted ... good guy, old Ted," says Ray.

"Now, how about Fred," asks Tom.

"Oh, geez, Tom I thought you heard ... poor old Fred's dead," says Ray.

"God no," says Tom. "Good old Fred ... nice guy old Fred ... too bad, Fred's dead."

A minute passes with the two old gents lost in thought, shaking their heads, remembering old dead Ted and old dead Fred.

Suddenly Tom rebounds from his reverie.

"What about old Sam?" asks Tom.

"SAM! ... Sam?" screams Ray. "NO! Hell, that son-of-a-bitch is still alive and kickin'."

So fear not, Bernie Madoff, you old cheat, scoundrel and SOB.

You may be a despicable old fart today.

But you're only a massive embolism away from all of those:

"Nice words ... lovely words." ■

Letters to the Editor Cont'd...

In support of the airport

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The second benefit to our area is almost as important in my view. This perspective comes from my 35 years experience as an emergency service worker. The added capability this runway could provide would open the door to 'workhorse' aircraft. The Lake Association will not have to worry about these aircraft flying in every week, or even every month, but these can be essential in times of emergency. Disasters with roads impassable seem far removed on TV, so it may be hard to imagine an event that might generate the need for this capability. In crisis, our citizens can expect excellent support from agencies working together, all the way up to the Canadian Armed Forces. However, basic infrastructure has to be in place to receive this assistance. 'Emergency preparedness' is the least glamorous responsibility for government. It is expensive and there is usually little payback in the ballot box, but it is why we have government. Like much of rural Canada, communities in the rugged areas of Ontario are poorly serviced with a lack of useable landing sites. Airports with this capability are few and far apart. In my view, we could have started to address this years ago. Environmental impact can also be measured within this context. The balance here is in the capability to save thousands of acres of forest, homes, and wildlife by the rapid deployment of fire fighting aircraft that could be based here. Stanhope happens to be in a perfect location for surveillance of 'The Park'. The yellow MNR Twin Otters are often stationed at Stanhope in the summer. The expansion would allow the large CL415 water bombers to make Stanhope their home away from home. It is a superb aircraft and in one drop they can do what a Twin Otter takes hours to accomplish.

We have an opportunity to address all these issues for Haliburton. Algonquin Highlands understands this. Ottawa and Queens Park know this.

I share one concern with the critics. It is centered on the potential cost carried solely by one of the four municipalities in Haliburton, Algonquin Highlands. Outside of that municipality, most people understand there is no financial commitment for them and they might feel differently about the project. Most support the added capability without reserve. And of course, there would be much wider support in Algonquin Highlands if their burden were being shared. In an area dependent on tourism, all four municipalities should be endorsing the vision led by Algonquin Highlands council and insist this project proceed. It is simply short sighted that they have not. Given time, the municipal cost of the project could easily be absorbed over the entire Haliburton County. The yearly budget at the county level is about 20 million. I understand their responsibilities already include ambulance, public health and 911 services. Other services funded jointly by all four municipalities through the larger County include forestry, county roads and Economic Development.

Perhaps it was understandable when the councils of Minden Hills, Dysart et al and Highlands East were afraid to commit resources to the airport individually, but this is exactly what Haliburton County should be doing. It is their responsibility to collectively plan for the future of the entire County. It is the entire County that will benefit from this capability in the future.

Few politicians address an issue squarely, and have the strength to make decisions that only bare fruit past the next election. That is the pitfall of our system. There is little encouragement for them to think of future generations when they must be concerned about their popularity and re-election the moment they take power. While they must read the wind and accept public guidance in making decisions, they are empowered to represent all citizens in their municipalities. The quiet and thoughtful ones, and the interest of those still too young to vote cannot be lost in the rhetoric.

From the start, the biggest hurdle anticipated was to convince both the Provincial and Federal Governments that this project was needed and had merit. On review, it was clear to Ottawa and Queens Park and they agreed to pick up the majority of the cost. The world circumstances that have brought us this funding may never happen again.

I think of 'missed opportunity' every time I fly over the Power Generating Station in Minden. It was progressive thinking that built it in the depth of the great depression using incentive money from senior government under the "Unemployment Relief Work Act". It started producing electricity in 1935 and continues to pay dividends today, not for the people of Haliburton but for the town of Orillia. The total cost to Orillia was reported to be \$690,000.

Failing to find a way to seize this opportunity for Haliburton's future would be irresponsible.

Paul Martin

Mountain Lake and Toronto ■

Dear Editor:

The Director and Actors certainly conjured magic with the first-rate production of Annie at the Northern Lights Pavilion, but the crew of young people made that magic seamless. I salute Emily Stonehouse, Jenna Dibblee, Shane Dibblee, Travis Stephen, and Loretta Kerr. They wear black and work in the dark and manipulate multiple sets with precision, care, and creativity. Bravo!

Michael Fay

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Providing a Sense of Comfort to a Wounded Soldier

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild Members Make 12 Very Special Quilts

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Being deployed to the battle fields of any war-torn country is undoubtedly a life-altering experience for a soldier. For many of the brave Canadians who head out to dangerous foreign territory, the experience takes a huge toll on their physical and emotional well-being. The damage done is often long-lasting, and for some, is irreversible.

For one 'tight-knit' group of Haliburton County residents, providing a bit of comfort and care to these soldiers who diligently serve their country was well worth the effort. These caring residents are none other than the members of The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild, a not-for-profit organization that routinely gets involved in a number of quilting initiatives for charity.

On Wednesday, July 8, members of the group gathered at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton for a regular meeting, at which time they discussed a special project they are participating in.

Quilters in the group have created 12 quilts which will go to "cover" soldiers with care and support as part of a national campaign called Quilts of Valour (QOV). The QOV currently consists of over 100 registered quilters in the country who have made quilts for soldiers.

"All of these quilts will be presented to a soldier who has been wounded," said Sharon Middlehurst, President of The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild. Middlehurst pointed out that 124 soldiers have lost their lives in battle since 2002, and many more have been wounded.

Chris Rusk, Chief Warrant Officer with the Canadian Forces Base Petawa (and Middlehurst's son), was at Wednesday's meeting to express how thankful wounded soldiers are to receive the special quilts. He read aloud two letters written by men who have received quilts because of the program.

"It's good to see that the public appreciates what we do," stated Sgt. Cory Peckford in his letter. Peckford suffered back injuries from an IED (improvised explosive device) attack earlier this year. "My wife has been deeply touched by the quilt. The quilt has obviously been made with love and a sense of appreciation for what we do...I'm proud of the quilt and appreciate the gesture."

Warrant Officer Ken Power was also wounded when the vehicle he was in was struck by a direct fire weapon in 2008. Power suffered serious burns to his back because of the incident.

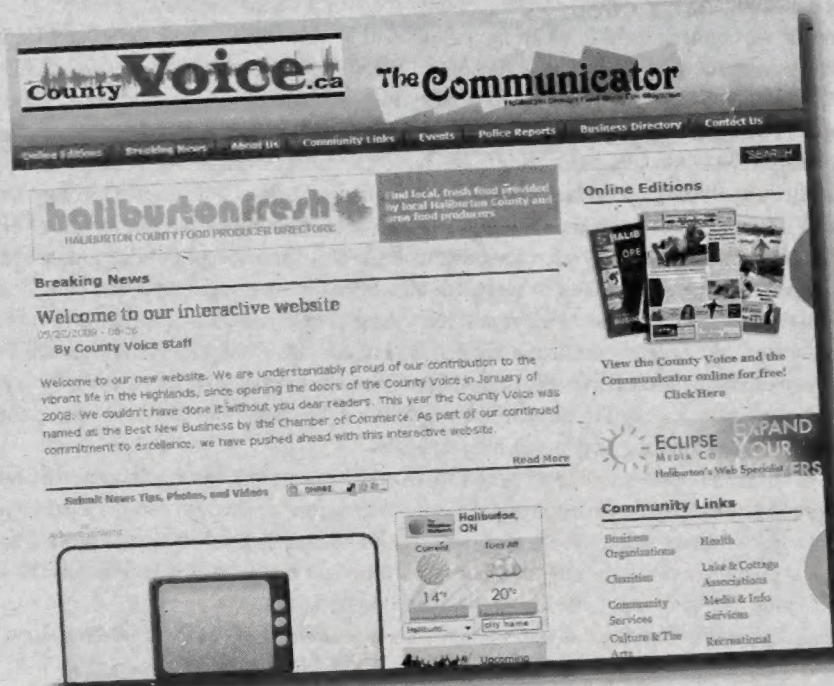
"It's really hard to express in words how much this means to me," stated Power. "Due to the nature of my injuries, my back was always wet because my dressings needed to be moist to work properly. As well with burns to that much surface area, it makes it hard for the body to regulate temperature. I had other blankets at home but nothing seemed to keep me as comfortable as this quilt. I don't know whether it was because of the material or the thought of knowing that it was specifically made for a wounded soldier, but I can't thank enough those who made it."

Since quilts can be costly make, there are other ways to contribute to this worthy initiative. Members of the public can make financial donations to Quilts of Valour by sending an email to QoV@AutomatedQuill.com. In your inquiry, make sure to put it to the attention of Lezley. ■



Chief Warrant Officer Chris Rusk, left, and Sharon Middlehurst stand alongside the 10 quilts that will be donated to injured Canadian soldiers. Members of the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild have already donated two quilts to the cause.

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Seventeen Dogs Barking

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

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more or at the very least that they be 300 feet from their closest neighbour, or have a kennel licence and be inspected regularly by the SPCA.

The Hendersons, who live in the area in their retirement expecting peace and quiet, say they aren't the only people with concerns. She offered to take up a petition and claims that people are afraid to walk by the neighbour's house because of the noise and because one little dog continues to escape and nip at walkers' heels, while its owner laughs.

CAO Tammy McKelvey said that this complaint had led to a number of others, but also commented that the issue had been looked at before, but had not been supported by Council.

By-law Enforcement Officer Matt Aldom confirmed that the dogs are being kept on the porch and they all need dog tags. He advised Council that he had sent a warning letter to the neighbours, who had also complained about other dogs running at large causing their dogs to bark. According to Aldom, the neighbours have been given 14 days to licence the dogs or he can lay 17 counts of not having dog tags.

Aldom reported that he had the tools in place to handle the situation, either through the Noise By-law or a section in the Dog By-law dealing with barking dogs disturbing neighbours. He said, "I believe that with 17 dogs, the courts would rule in favour of the complainant."

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis asked if the property had been inspected by the SPCA and Aldom confirmed that a call had been put into the SPCA, adding that he had received other complaints.

Councillor Derek Knowles asked where the neighbour stood on the matter and what rights he had. He referred to a situation in his area where people owned four hounds that did a lot of barking and howling. According to Knowles the owners were cooperative and things were being worked out. Knowles also suggested that the size of properties should be a factor if a by-law was considered.

According to both CBO Dan Sayers and Aldom, in order to lay charges there must be a detailed list of disturbances, including times and durations. He reported that a previous case had failed as the complainant did not provide enough recorded evidence.

Aldom advised Council that even if they did pass a by-law, it would not be retroactive and the neighbour would be able to keep his dogs. He said that he had advised Henderson of this, but she felt that at the very least a by-law would help with similar situations in the future.

McKelvey commented that it was very difficult for people who are offended by barking dogs to document sufficient information and then stand up in court to give evidence against their neighbours. She advised Council that previous consideration of a by-law to limit the number of dogs was derailed due to the number of hunters in the area who own hounds.

Both Councillor Janis Parker and Councillor Steve Pogue said they would like to see a by-law limiting the number of dogs in a residential area to three. Pogue said, "If you want to continue to house a large number of hounds, you should establish a kennel."

Aldom was concerned about people being able to prove ownership of the dogs prior to the by-law being put in place, but Parker said that licensing should prove past ownership.

Concerns were again raised about the number of dogs being kept on a porch and whether or not the SPCA should look into the situation.

Councillor Andrea Roberts said, "I'm not sure I'm in favour of researching a new by-law. It is a huge amount of research for staff and I think we have the tools in place now. This is somewhat of an isolated problem and there are provincial laws to handle it."

Aldom, however, advised that when it comes to dogs the police are hesitant to handle the situation and when it comes to noise it is the Municipality's responsibility.

Knowles suggested that the Municipality should at least explore the idea of limiting the number of dogs. He said, "I can't believe with 17 dogs on a porch doing what dogs do each day that there isn't a problem for both the dogs themselves and the people in the area."

Council apparently agreed and passed a resolution directing staff to prepare a by-law that will limit the number of dogs on a residential property to three. ■

Proposed Airport Expansion

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and content of the environmental assessment (EA) that will be conducted for this project. The proponent will provide a general overview of the project and the studies that have already been conducted. Infrastructure Canada will then talk about why we are conducting an EA, how we conduct it and what opportunities there are for public input throughout the EA.

"What we are hoping to get out of this session is general agreement on how we intend to involve the public. We also want to hear people's views on what the key issues are and what should be included in the EA, taking into account the work that has already been conducted by the proponent."

When asked what level of involvement the public would have, Clark said, "There will most certainly be opportunities for dialogue. However, we will be aiming to keep the line of questioning within the purpose of the session, recognizing that there are some very strong views on whether this project should proceed or not."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison received the notification of the meeting as good news. Harrison said she was very pleased that something was finally happening. "We'll finally be able to find out what additional environmental work will be required of the municipality from this point on and we can stop spinning our wheels."

Harrison admitted that she was unsure how the consultation process would unfold but suggested that it would be something like a gap analysis. She said that their consulting engineers may be making a presentation, but added that there was no requirement for Council to participate even though they would likely be attendance to learn more about procedure in these matters.

Algonquin Highlands CAO Lorne Mitchell confirmed that Mike Osborne of Richardson Foster, the municipality's engineering firm, would be providing a brief overview of the project.

According to Mitchell members of the public who have issues relating specifically to environmental matters will be invited to provide them directly to Ms. Clark. Mirroring Harrison's comments, he said that Infrastructure Canada would then compare the issues to studies that have already been completed to determine if there are gaps or missing information which may still need to be addressed.

Mitchell cautioned, "This will not be a free for all where the public will get to vent or rave on about the project itself." He also confirmed that Council had no formal role to play during this session.

Given the amount of work that the Executive of the Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) has put into ensuring that a full environmental review be conducted on the project, President Paul MacInnes said he was very pleased to hear that a public consultation process was finally taking place.

Notwithstanding the news, their executive still has a number of very serious concerns and MacInnes said, "MBC is not about to let Infrastructure Canada, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Algonquin Highlands or our MP Barry Devolin off the hook until proper public hearings have been held at dates and times when all the concerned taxpayers of this County can have their questions answered."

MBC Vice President Andy Muirhead expanded on this, saying, "Our initial concern with the latest announcement from Infrastructure Canada (as the Responsible Authority or RA) is that the information session has been scheduled for a weekday evening."

"We have long lobbied for all public participation opportunities be planned taking into account the fact that more than 80 percent of the ratepayers in Algonquin Highlands are seasonal residents," he said, adding that MBC had even received a commitment from MP Barry Devolin, that he would do his utmost to make sure this happened.

"Unless there are future public sessions, by setting a weekday evening for the meeting Infrastructure Canada has severely limited the possibility for a large majority

of those with direct interest in the project to attend and receive some of the information that has been lacking throughout this process."

Muirhead said that MBC would be making every effort to convince the RA to schedule a second public session on a weekend in order to maximize the opportunities for the concerned public to participate and most importantly, have their questions answered. According to Muirhead it is their hope that the Council of Algonquin Highlands will support this position.

Muirhead said that MBC would also work to better inform the public about the process as well as informing the Responsible Authority about the depth of public sentiment on this matter. He said, "Allowing the public to build up expectations for this opportunity at public participation which may not be met would be a grave mistake."

In the interim updates will be available at the <http://nicelit-leairport.shawwebpace.ca/> website.

As to why responsibility for the project has shifted from Industry Canada to Infrastructure Canada, Clark confirmed that this was simply due to the fact that Infrastructure Canada is the RA for all projects over \$500,000.

"RA's involving infrastructure funds are determined based on the funding program, the province in which the project is proposed and the funding threshold. For projects under that amount, Industry Canada, one of our federal delivery partners, would be the RA."

Many of the Building Canada projects have been downloaded to the province to handle and the shift in the RA remains a matter of conjecture for some.

Harrison believes it may simply be because it is an airport project, something which remains within the Federal purview. Muirhead believes that the project is being kept at the federal level because it has become so contentious.

When asked if the Municipality had heard anything further about the possibility of splitting the project into two phases, Harrison voiced some frustration with the fact that they had received no news to date.

This raises the concern that, as Infrastructure Canada continues to look at the project in its entirety (including both the rehabilitation of existing facilities and construction of the new runway) getting shovels in the ground could be delayed beyond this construction season. This might be considered good news by some, but Harrison says losing an entire season even for part of the project would be very disappointing for the municipality.

When asked if Infrastructure Canada has considered the project in two phases, Clark, while aware of the proposal, said, "That request hasn't trickled down to me at this point and I don't believe it has gone to the people who look after the policy side of things."

Clark said it was hard to predict how splitting the project into two phases would affect their process. She said, "No real analysis of the project has been conducted yet. Clearly if that request does come down there will be an internal review on whether the department is willing to fund it that way. Should there be willingness, we will have to look at how that affects the environmental assessment." ■

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter



Police Reports

Highlands East Driver Charged

(Haliburton, ON.) – On Saturday July 11th 2009, shortly before 8:30pm officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment had occasion to stop a vehicle while conducting a R.I.D.E. program at Loop Rd and School Rd in Highlands East Township.

Officers had conversation with the driver of the vehicle, who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Fail to Provide Breath Sample is Robert L Alden 40 years of Highlands East Township. Mr. Alden will be appearing in Minden Court on Sept 2, 2009 in relation to the charges. ■

Man Saved In Pool

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment were called to a Tennyson Road residence yesterday afternoon in regards to a police assistance call.

The investigation revealed that a group of friends were attending a gathering at the residence when one of them jumped into the swimming pool. The individual was in the water for a short time when friends noticed he was in distress. The friends jumped into the water and began assessing the male. Several of the friends began performing CPR on the male who appeared to be unconscious. Another friend then called 911 for assistance and EMS personnel attended the scene. The quick efforts of the individual's friends and EMS personnel resulted in the male being successfully resuscitated with a defibrillator. The individual was then transported to the Minden Hospital. ■

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ATV Association Remains at Odds with Fishtail Lake

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Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

On the other hand, an opinion submitted by Michael Fowler (of Michael L. Fowler Law Office in Port Perry) clearly states that the Kennaway Road is indeed a colonization road. Fowler's opinion is based on publications from the Department of Lands and Forests, made by the Department's Surveys and Engineering Division. According to Fowler, the test for colonization roads is not whether or not a private developer maintained them, but whether the roads had been established pursuant to the guidelines of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Fowler states that unless the road had been stopped up and closed by the Municipality, the Kennaway Road constitutes a highway and as such should be accessible to all members of the public.

Al Blanchard and Murray St. Thomas appeared before Council as a delegation for the Fishtail Lake Sportsman's Club. Blanchard reviewed the contents of their lawyer's letter. He said that the letter clearly stated that there was no evidence of a colonization road and that construction of the Burleigh Road had been halted. According to Blanchard a private road had been built between Kennaway and Haliburton and no government funds had been used, therefore no ownership by the municipality.

Blanchard maintained that members of HAVTA were trespassing on their property.

Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that in fact, the Kennaway Road continues through to Elephant Lake. He said, "The question remains whether it is a private road or a colonization road."

Blanchard said that no one had used the road except their members, but Fearrey responded that if it was a public road it wouldn't be only theirs to use. He also said, "It will not be the position of the Municipality to give up a public road." He added that there may be onus placed on the club to prove that the trail was not on the original road allowance.

Eric Christensen and George Stewart, representing the HATVA, were the next delegation to come forward. Christensen presented the opinion of their lawyer. He said, "The Kennaway Road appears on many historical maps as a historic colonization road. However, there is some indication that the road deviated from its original route." Christensen also read excerpts from historical test, indicating the rationale for rerouting the road in a more southerly line to Harcourt.

"The road passed on to the township, but it fell into disuse as more appropriate routes were established. We're confident that Dysart retains ownership of the road."

Christensen said that he was prepared to go to the York University archives to conduct further research into the matter. He also spoke of the tourism potential to the area and the importance of the road as a link to the park. Christensen again asked that the Municipality allow use of the trail by ATV's. In addition he denied that any of their members had cut trees on private property or damaged the Sportsman's Club's gates.

"There are a lot of riders who are not members," he said, adding that the police had advised him that two out of every five families have ATV's and HATVA only have 60 members, indicating the chance of others having done the damage.

Fearrey agreed that HATVA was being tagged for a number of problems. He said, "We will likely forward Fowler's letter to our lawyer given the differing information. We'll have to determine if the road is where it should be and we'll have to seek another opinion."

Fearrey added that he hoped the two groups could get beyond all of the finger pointing.

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"Two different times I have been one breath away from the tracheotomy."

Pinepharine; otherwise known as epi pens: The life giving injections to allergic reactions to bee stings, scented products, air pollution or ozone episodes, has been taken OFF the Ontario Disability Support Programme's (ODSP) list for coverage to the disabled. That means that in an allergic emergency situation, the first response away from medical help, the life saving epi pens are no longer available. Victims are now referred to the Ontario Works programme, which one, takes over one day and two is not available on weekends. This is endangering the lives of many, many people including disabled children.

Epi pens cost over \$112.00 from the pharmacy. ODSP recipients and the working poor have problems paying for everyday day living. How are they going to pay for the emergency epi pens? It is normal for each person affected to carry two epi pens as one will help you hold on for only 20 minutes until you reach the hospital or the ambulance arrives.

Two different times I have been one breath away from the tracheotomy. It IS frightening. Not being able to get air past your throat is frightening. One specialist finally explained it to me - when the body's primordial system is threatened by chemicals that it perceives as life threatening, it has a number of reactions which can trigger defensive bodily reactions: the throat swells to prevent toxins going to the lungs; the voice box swells, reverses gear and adds bubbles; the carotid artery swells to almost closing to protect the brain (so if affected, the person most needed to respond is rendered 'stupid' or has brain fog, so trying to help yourself becomes extremely difficult. There is also the relatively new response of the lungs refusing to breath in or out - this is called Reactive Airways Dysfunction Syndrome (RADS). The syn (sin) here is the permitted air pollution we are forced to breathe.

Bottom line: the province passed a law in 2005, covered epi pens for ODSP recipients. In 2009, that was rescinded. WE NEED TO GO BACK TO THE ONE PASSED IN 2005. All one needed then was a special allergy form from the doctor. Now, one needs a special "discrepinepharine; otherwise known as epi pens: The life giving injections to allergic reactions to bee stings, scented products, air pollution or ozone episodes, has been taken OFF the Ontario Disability Support Programme's (ODSP) list for coverage to the disabled. That means that in an allergic emergency situation, the first response away from medical help, the life saving epi pens are no longer available. Victims are now referred to the Ontario Works programme, which one, takes over one day and two is not available on weekends. This is endangering the lives of many, many people including disabled children.

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If you know anyone who can help, please speak up and fight back - many lives depend upon you.

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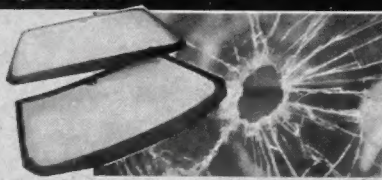
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Area Seniors Encouraged to Fill In Survey On Ways Haliburton County Can Be More Age-Friendly

(HALIBURTON COUNTY) – Summer is here, and so is a survey asking older adults how Haliburton County can become a more “age-friendly” community.

Members of the Aging-Well Haliburton County Committee encourage local residents age 50-plus to complete the short survey that will be available throughout the community over the next three months. Earlier this year, the committee received a \$25,000 federal grant to look at ways of making Haliburton County a more healthy, active and age-friendly community. The funding came from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program.

Haliburton County has one of the highest per capita seniors' populations in all of Ontario, so ensuring that local services and programs meet the needs of older adults is very important, says Angela Van Berlo, a member of the Aging-Well Committee and Health Promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

“Filling out a survey gives seniors an opportunity to have their say,” she says. “What they tell us will be invaluable in helping make the quality of life better for older adults in Haliburton County.”

The survey will seek input on a number of issues such as public transportation, housing, social participation and community support. Sample questions from the survey include: “What are some changes you would like to see that would allow you to move about in your community or access local stores more easily?” and “what kind of housing would you be looking for?”

Surveys will be handed out at various locations throughout Haliburton County during the summer months. They are also available throughout July, August and September at the following spots:

- Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton Village.
- Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team office (6 McPherson Street) in Minden.
- Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team office (7217 Gelert Road) in Haliburton Village
- Community Care Haliburton County office (83 Maple Avenue, Unit #3) in Haliburton Village.
- County of Haliburton office (11 Newcastle Street) in Minden.
- Any of the local municipal offices in Haliburton County.
- Haliburton Family Medical Centre (7217 Gelert Road) in Haliburton Village.
- Minden Medical Centre (6 McPherson Street) in Minden.

Older adults are asked to return completed surveys as soon as possible to any of the above locations. More information about the survey, and obtaining additional copies, are available by calling 457-1391 or 455-9220. The Aging Well Committee is made up of older adults in Haliburton County, as well as representatives of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, the local Health Unit and U-Links for Community-Based Research.

When is an Outhouse a Trash Can?

When is an outhouse a trash can? According to Roads Superintendent Brian Nicholson, it happens when people get ignorant and if people don't stop stuffing their bags of trash and garbage into the outhouses, these conveniences will either be locked or removed entirely.

That is the gist of the discussion that took place during the Dysart et al Council meeting this week. During his report on parks, Nicholson said that his staff continued to have a garbage problem at some of the parks, particularly with people putting their trash in the outhouses at West Guilford, Eagle Lake and Sandy Cove.

Nicholson told Council that because people were using the washrooms for garbage disposal it was becoming impossible to have them emptied by the operator that pumps the facilities out. He said, “To be honest, having seen these photos, if this continues the outhouses will be locked up and keys provided for special events only and if the problems continue after that or there is further vandalism we'll have to remove them completely.”

According to Nicholson a new outhouse placed at Sandy Cove had garbage dumped into it within a week. He said, “I know it's only a few of our facilities, but I guarantee I won't be checking the garbage to determine who the culprits are.”

Pictures were distributed showing numerous clear garbage bags dumped into the outhouse at Eagle Lake and other very nasty sorts of vandalism at West Guilford and Sandy Cove.

Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that it becomes very difficult to give the public the service they require when it is abused so badly. “If we continue to have vandalism we'll have to remove that convenience.”

Councillor Derek Knowles said this problem had arisen before and asked why garbage containers hadn't been provided. He said, “We were told it was because of bears so we should deal with that. If there is no place to put the garbage you can expect this.”

Council discussed the fact that in one instance the garbage was in clear bags ready to be deposited in the landfill. Considerable frustration was voiced that people can't seem to handle taking their garbage to the landfill sites even with clearly posted hours.

Nicholson said, “The only spot to deposit bagged garbage is in the landfill and if people can't coordinate their schedules with our hours, the garbage should be taken home with them.”

Councillor Janis Parker said that it made sense to have the facilities locked unless there is a special event, but Fearrey commented that some of the outhouses are for use at beaches.

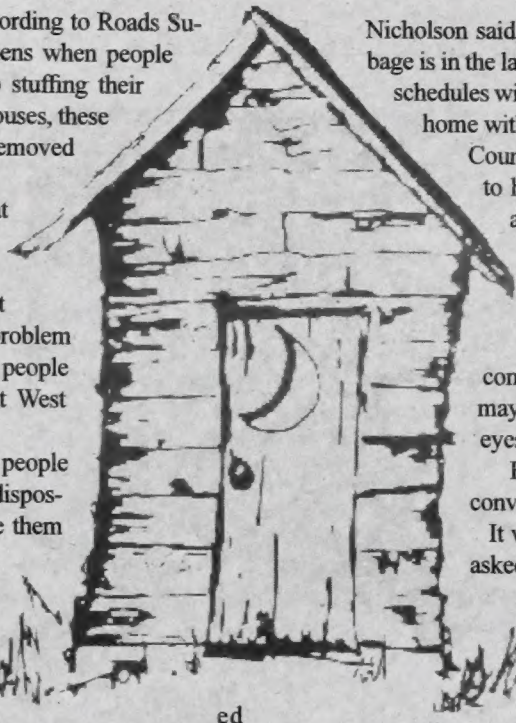
Nicholson said, “I hope that the media will report on the ramifications of continued misuse. If people don't like it they may bill them again, or they might open their eyes and discontinue this sort of activity.”

Fearrey said, “There are certainly more convenient places for garbage.”

It was agreed that parks employees will be asked to monitor the situation whether the perpetrators are caught or not. Fearrey said, “We'll continue the way we are in the hope that things will get better.” ■

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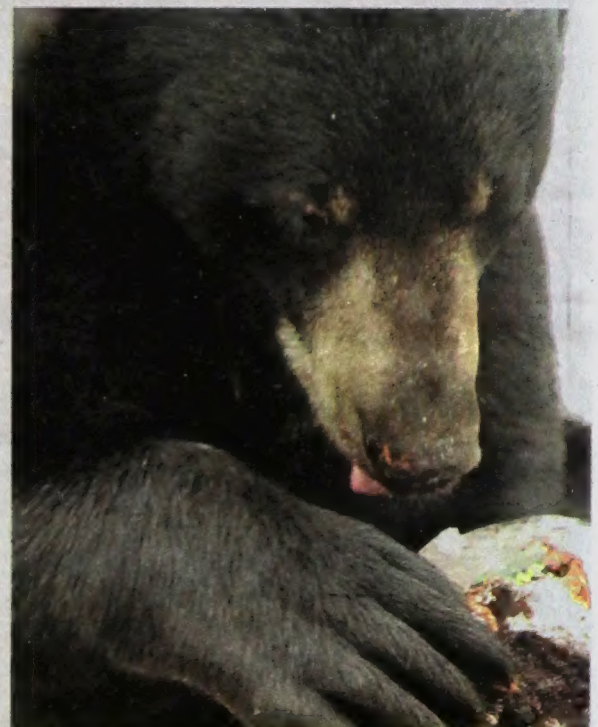


Opinion and Photos by Lyn Winans

Goldilocks would have had a heyday at the Scotch Line Dump. With over a dozen bears, an endless assortment of chairs, beds, and yes, even porridge (in see-through garbage bags of course) she'd be sure to find something she liked.

Fairy tales are what come to mind when you witness some of the behavior that's occurred at the dump recently. The bears are acting very much as bears do when there is an excess of food easily available, but it seems some of the humans are in "la-la" land. Yesterday I witnessed a man only a few meters from an enormous bear: the man had a toddler cradled in his left arm and a camera in his right hand. Another woman pulled up and asked when the best time would be to bring the young kids to see the bears (would these be the kids who will have difficulty with the "natural habitat" section of animal studies in school?) Another man told me he had watched a guy literally crawl over the piles of garbage to get closer to the animals. And we mustn't forget the "dump-athletes", the people who think they get a medal for beaming a bear on the head with their bag of garbage.

Sure, it's fun to see the bears, but it seems that many people refuse to accept that these are wild animals, capable of ripping a human to shreds if they so decide. As cute as they may seem, they are not the fairy-tale variety bears. The landfill attendants deserve a lot of credit, although signs are posted and reminders given. They stand, watch and patiently observe what may be some truly silly human behavior,



actions that could put not only the visitors at risk, but the attendants themselves. And they continue to be unfailingly polite to the visitors: they never call people stupid, inconsiderate, foolish, clueless, mean or negligent ... they must have a lot of patience!

Seriously people, if you are going to put yourself at risk, that's one thing, but please leave the kids in the car, at least! These are not Goldilocks' bears! ■



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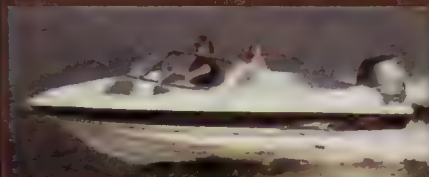


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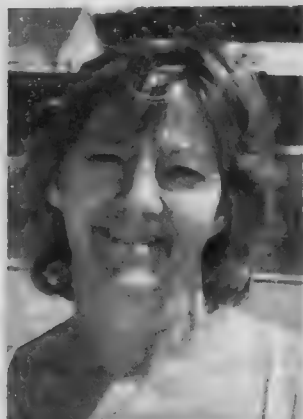


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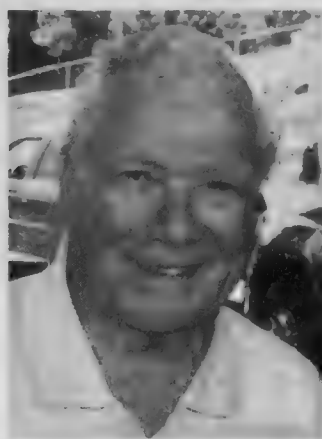
A new Farmer's Market opened up in Haliburton in the parking lot of Roberts Marina at the start of the month. We asked people, "How do you feel about the locally grown and produced food movement? Do you ever frequent farmer's markets? What do you think of this current location?"



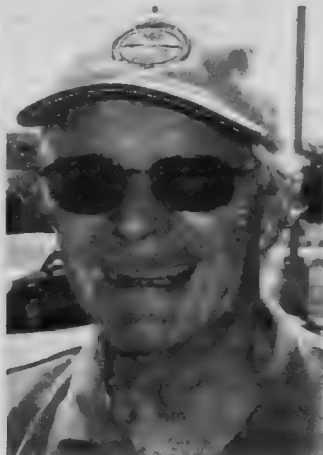
Cathy Lodge, Haliburton – "I haven't checked it out yet. I've been to one in Orillia before. I think it's a good thing. You know that the food is coming straight from the producers and that it's not being sprayed with chemicals. It's not too bad of a location, but they may eventually have to move some stuff around to create more parking spaces. I will probably check it out this Friday."



Don McNichol, Waterloo – "I haven't been there yet but I will go. I've been going to the Waterloo Farmer's Market for years now. You get a good product because it comes fresh from the growers and I like to support them. Once this farmer's market becomes well known, people will go to it even though the prices might be a little higher than the grocery store."



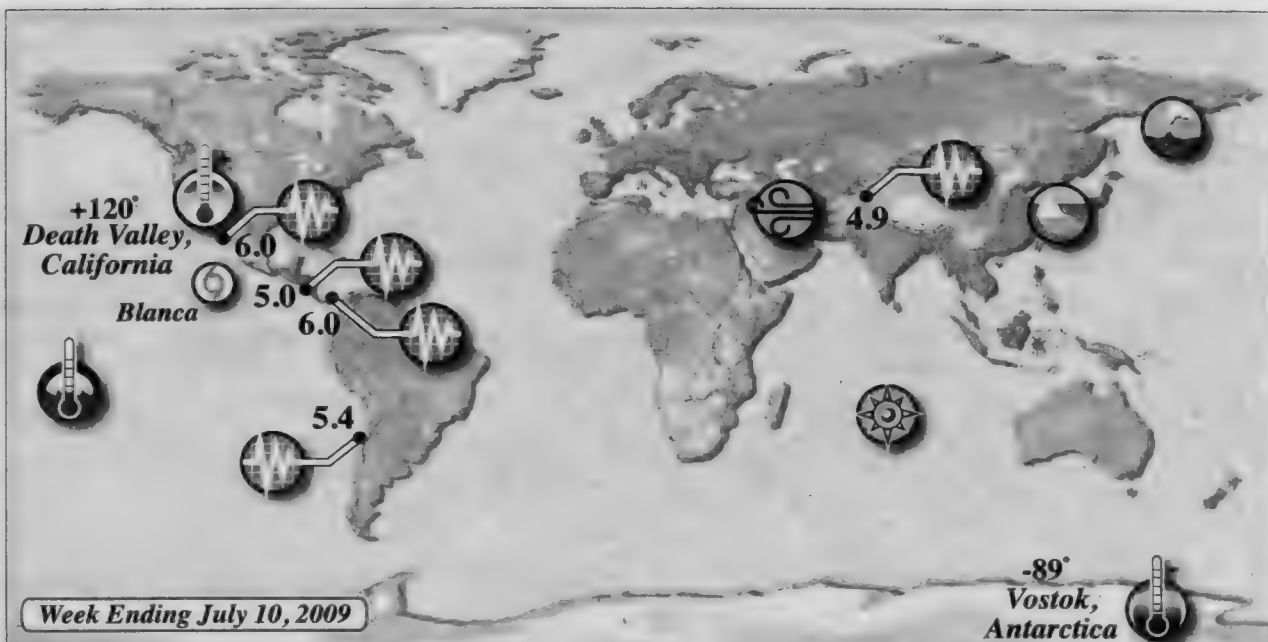
Scotty Morrison, Haliburton – "I haven't gone to it yet but will go this Friday for sure. I support it absolutely. I think you're assured that the produce will be fresh and I'm a great believer in supporting these local growers. I think that Roberts Marina is a great location because you get to stand out in the open while you shop, and everyone can easily find it. I fully support what these growers are doing to help the local economy."



Wayne Rouse, Hamilton – "I've read about it. We go to the fruit market in Minden and a farmer's market in Hamilton; I get most of my fruits and vegetables at that farmer's market. The food you get is fresher and if it benefits the local economy, that's great. I give credit to all of the growers who grow here because it's a difficult area to farm in. I will visit this farmer's market if it ties in with other trips I'm taking."

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



El Nino Strengthens

Australia's weather agency cautioned that the El Niño ocean-warming phenomenon is likely to develop further over the remainder of the year, affecting weather patterns around the world. Bureau of Meteorology senior climatologist Andrew Watkins said the tropical Pacific between South America and Indonesia is "warming reasonably rapidly." Other weather agencies have said that the recent warming could soon reverse back to normal, or "neutral," conditions later this year. But Watkins says there now are strong indications that the warming will persist and become even stronger. The last severe El Niño in 1998 caused billions of dollars of damage to agriculture and other industries, and was blamed for over 2,000 deaths. It typically brings drought to Australia, Indonesia and southeast Africa. It has also produced heavy storms in California and the Pacific coast of South America. Warmer-than-normal wintertime conditions may also develop across many parts of North America.

Steaming Surprise

Observers monitoring a unique geothermal area in Russia's Far East were startled by the sudden emergence of a new geyser that has been dubbed "Prikolny" or peculiar in Russian. The new geyser is the first to appear on the Kamchatka Peninsula since the 1960s. A ranger at the Kronotsky Nature Reserve was the first person to spot the column of boiling water, which shoots up to 10 feet into the air. Shortly after that sighting, another observer exclaimed "Prikolny!" leading to the geyser's official name. Prikolny emerged about nine miles from the world-renowned Valley of Geysers.

Blinding Sandstorm

A massive sandstorm that spread across much of Iraq and Iran sent hundreds of Iraqis to clinics with complaints of sore throats, clogged eyes and acute asthma. Local news reports said that many Iraqis considered the storm to be the worst in living memory. The massive cloud of desert sand eventually spread eastward into Iran, where officials declared a two-day public holiday because of the unhealthy air quality. Many Tehran residents were said to have taken advantage of the holiday by leaving the city for provinces that had cleaner air. The fine particles in the atmosphere acted as a color filter that actually caused a "blue moon" to appear over Tehran. While the region has long suffered blinding sandstorms, several years of drought have created conditions that resulted in this summer's near-record storm.

Tropical Cyclone

Tropical Storm Blanca formed from an area of disturbed weather about 200 miles south of the lower tip of Baja California, far from any significant land areas. The second named storm of the eastern Pacific hurricane season brought pounding surf and gales to Isla Socorro as it passed just to the south of the remote Mexican outpost, but no damage was reported there.

Earthquakes

A relatively strong earthquake caused a brief panic across much of Panama and caused cracks to appear in two high-rise buildings. • Earth movements were also felt in Nicaragua, central Chile, northwestern Mexico, and in eastern Afghanistan and neighboring parts of Pakistan and India.

Solar Pause Ends

A nearly two-year "drought" of sunspots during an unusually long pause between sunspot cycles appears to have ended. A new dark cluster formed on the sun's surface and has grown to be nearly as wide as the solar system's largest planet, Jupiter. Dubbed sunspot 1024, it is the first big sunspot of the new Solar Cycle 24 and ends the longest absence of such features since 1913. Last month, NASA researchers said they discovered that lagging jet streams deep inside the sun were responsible for the prolonged solar pause. Sunspots are cool regions that form on the surface of the sun where magnetic energy accumulates.

Jellyfish Invasion

Marine researchers in Japan say they are alarmed by unusually large swarms of Nomura's jellyfish now swimming in the Yellow Sea and East China Sea. Once fully matured, the jellyfish is one of the largest in the world, reaching the size of an adult human. Spikes in the Nomura's population during 1958 and 1995 dealt a huge blow to Japan's fishing fleets. In addition to damaging nets, the Nomura's are blamed for killing fish with their venom and for stinging fishermen. During the peak of the massive 2005 invasion, an estimated 300 to 500 million of the monster jellyfish passed through the Tsushima Strait between South Korea and Japan each day. Theories for why the population spikes occur range from agricultural runoff in East China to overfishing, which reduced the populations of the young jellyfish's natural predators.

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Highlands Summer Festival Presents Limerick

An evening of chamber music mixed with some poesy

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tute

And never the threat of a bomb.

Limerick opened last Monday night, at the Northern Lights Pavilion of the Performing Arts, the first concert in the Highlands Summer Festival series.

If you didn't get a chance to see the very entertaining concert, featuring the diverse talents of some of the Highlands most gifted and technically sound musicians, you will get another chance, as the popular chamber music evening will be reprised on July 21st and 31st at the Northern Lights. All show times are 8 pm.

The tradition of chamber music concerts in the Highlands Summer Festival was entrenched and established in the debut season with the production of Camerata. For the first several seasons the trio of Melissa Stephens, Tom Regina and Lauren McInnes were instrumental in developing the genre.

Fitting then, that now in its tenth season, the Summer Festival brought them back for an exciting and vibrant reprise.

This time however the trio was bolstered by the stunning and provocative talents of two newcomers.

Cellist Bethany Houghton and Tom and Lauren's daughter, Jocelyn Regina joined the production of Limerick which provided the enthusiastic patrons with a compelling evening featuring a blend of music, whimsy and verse.

The first act opened with A Limerick of Limericks, written for Maureen Forester by Paul McIntyre.

That was followed by a moving Sonata in A minor for solo flute by Bach. That piece was haunting in its clarity and really demonstrated Tom's proficiency on the slender reeded wind.

The first act moved along to Debussy, Vivaldi, Elgar and a harp etude by Frederic Chopin parlayed lovingly on piano by young ingénue Jocelyn.

Important to note that the evening is pushed and propelled by charming little intros, all penned in the form of a Limerick by the three major players.

"We thought that using limericks to link the musical selections would provide some light-hearted fun," write Melissa, Lauren and Tom in the show's playbill intro. "We certainly have had some good laughs preparing them."

The first act closed with a stunning piece by Aram Khachaturian and an ensemble piece Laudamus Te (from the Gloria) by Vivaldi.

All of this leading very provocatively to the very entertaining and show-stopping finale.

A Carnival of the Animals by Camille Sanit-Saens takes up most of the second act.

Fitting too, because the celebrated and wildly hilarious Ogden Nash was actually commissioned to pen a series of limericks to go with the piece.

The Carnivale was performed with both Melissa and Lauren on the Grand Piano, Tom with his assortment of flutes and the talented Bethany on Cello, bass and violin.

Leaving the bulk of that witty Nash poesy to the precocious stylings of young Jocelyn Regina.

Hard to steal the show at a night of chamber music.

However, if we were picking stars as they do at the conclusion of an NHL game, the premiere etoille (or first star) would have to go to young Jocelyn, who dangled



adverbs and stickiey Ogden syntax with the nifty dexterity of a Sid Crosby on a game seven mission.

Jocelyn was simply superb with her bang on interpretations of the Ogden Nash introductions to each piece of Saint Saens Carnivale.

"The lion is the king of beasts,
And husband of the lioness.
Gazelles and things on which he feasts
Address him as your highness.

There are those that admire that roar
of his,

In the African jungles and velds,
But, I think that wherever the lion is,
I'd rather be somewhere else."

And again with an intro to a turtlesong:

"Come crown my brow with leaves of myrtle,
I know the tortoise is a turtle,
Come carve my name in stone immortal,
I know the turtoise is a tortle.
I know to my profound despair,
I bet on one to beat a hare,
I also know I'm now a pauper,
Because of its tortley, turtle, torper."

Jocelyn followed that up with a slow mosey backstage equipped with a "Turtle Crossing" roadside sign, while the quartet played the Saint Saens Turtle/Tortoise song.

And finally Jocelyn ending with Nash's summing of Saint Saens' masterwork.

"Now we've reached the grand finale,
On an animalie, carnivalie,
Noises new to sea and land,
Issue from the skillful band,
All the strings contort their features,
Imitating crawly creatures,
All the brasses look like mumps
From blowing umpah, umpah, umps,
In outdoing Barnum and Bailey, and Ringling,

Saint Saens has done a miraculous thingling."

All followed, of course, with the beautifully interpreted renditions by the four musicians.

So please forgive me Ogden for the following slurp:

A lovely night of music;
rhyme,

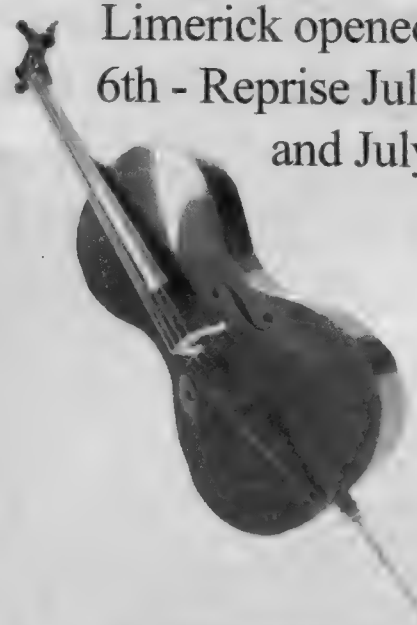
A slowly slide into sublime,
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Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Limerick opened July 6th - Reprise July 21st and July 31st



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Soyers Lake Cottage AGM Stress Safe Shoreline Practices

Guest Speaker Barb Elliot Posits Best Practice for Healthy Lakes

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association (SLRA) met for their annual AGM last Saturday morning and they reminded everyone in attendance that their lake continues to prosper in no small part because of a concerted effort on the part of all property owners to maintain safe septic, shoreline and developmental practices.

The health of the lake was borne out with a nice little story delivered by Lake Steward Ross Partridge, who announced that twin pairs of Loon chicks have been spotted swimming on the lake.

Partridge said that Loon hatchlings are highly susceptible to predation.

The fact that two pairs of chicks – one on the north end and one pair on the south end of Soyers Lake – have survived to this point in the season is quite astounding.

Calling it a “miracle in the making,” Partridge explained that people on the lake, both residents and visitors could help sustain the miracle by following certain procedures that would help the chicks survive to adulthood.

He handed out informational pamphlets at the meeting detailing a number of pro-active measures. He warned anglers to collect all tangled fishing line and stressed that strategic shoreline practices like placement of docks were essential if Soyers Lake was to continue as a safe haven for viable Loon habitat.

Interesting too that the SLRA invited Barb Elliot, a freshwater expert and a professor at Fleming College in Lindsay.



Fleming College professor and fresh water expert, Barb Elliot.

Elliot gave a very interesting talk on safe shoreline practices. SLRA President Kim Stamp – who is handing over the presidential reins to Burt Tait this summer – said the SLRA board of directors will be attempting to implement some advances in safe shoreline policies in the future.

“One of our major initiatives this year is to participate in the Shoreline property Owners Site Visit program,” said Stamp. The SLRA welcomed Mike Gibbs to talk to the AGM about the series of confidential visitations.

“This is an excellent opportunity to have professional assessment of your shoreline and receive recommendations on how to take positive action on your property that will contribute to the long term health of our lake,” explained Stamp.

She added that there are still spots open for the free of charge visits and Gibbs further explained that the studies are completely confidential and have proved very beneficial to those who have enjoined the study thus far in the Highlands.

Barb Elliot’s highly informative talk dovetailed quite vibrantly with the overarching theme of lakeside development.

Elliot is a popular speaker in the Highlands at this time of year. Her forte is shorelines and she calls them, our ecological lifelines. She is a highly respected Professor in the School of Environment and

Natural Resource Science at Fleming College and she delivered as always, on the money, with her focused discussion of “where the land meets the water”.

In the course of her informative 30 minute talk she asked the cogent questions and informed the cottager that always “best practice” means just letting nature run its course. “What are we doing to our shorelines?”

asked Elliot. “Be aware, keep learning, stop, look, listen. Think seven generations from now.”

As always, Elliot brought her own family photos from her old home on the Gull River near West Guilford. She also brought pictures of her family’s travels to other Canadian destinations, citing the precious resource of our natural shoreline and citing the havoc created when shorelines are messed about by “cutesy paved or managed” terrain.

She lives in Coboconk now, but still on the Gull River. She explained that shoreline management and natural process is extremely important in assessing future health of our lakes and rivers.

She explained that the future of our very existence in cottage country rests with the maintenance of our fisheries, our recreational capacity and our continued dedication to coexistence with all species of life in our wetlands and lakes and rivers.

Elliot said that water management starts at the buffer areas and that includes all facets of the shoreline habitat, from downed woody debris to the microscopic phytoplankton. She added that shorelines are especially significant in the lives of juvenile fish. Remove the sustainable shoreline and you threaten fish species from the ground up.

She advised cottagers to remain ahead of the learning curve by doing some homework. She stressed that strategies like the Shoreline assessment project could provide a lot of cottagers with the wherewithal to continue to develop safe shoreline practices on their own property.

“Think seven generations,” reminded Elliot once again.

“Food water shelter space is all part of habitat,” explained Elliot. “Shorelines provide that really critical habitat on land and in the water for native flora and fauna.”

She said that habitat needs change over a lifetime. Some fish need viable shorelines to spawn. Shorelines are important. Rearranging shoreline to suit your own lifestyle is not always the wisest choice for the future health of the lake. Pictures of cement restraining walls dotted Elliot’s photo collection in her PowerPoint presentation.

She says that the “riparian or shoreline zones are intrinsic to the continued sustainability of the lake. Vegetation on the edge of the lake is important to leech out chemicals like detergent, excess phosphorous, fertilizer and other poisons. The root systems of the shoreline plants often serve to store those chemicals and keep them from leeching out into the river or the lake.

When we strip shoreline vegetation or replace natural riparian zones with sandy beach or rock retaining walls we are toying with the natural buffers and removing the combative strength of the ecosystem.”

Elliot concluded by stressing that the shoreline or riparian habitat is the number one factor in the continued health of a lake or a river. Removing the shoreline, rearranging the natural cycle, planting non-native vegetation can all have huge negative impacts down the road.

“We can reverse those negative impacts if we put our minds to it,” said Elliot. She advised all cottagers to do the work and assess their shorelines to see if they are contributing to the continued sustainability of their lake.

By thinking those seven generations ahead, said Elliot, we can all benefit today and ensure a safe water habitat for flora, fauna and man.

After Elliot’s opening presentation the meeting moved over to nuts and bolts for the remainder of the planned summer activities.

The annual corn roast is slated for August 15th and the fun sail is scheduled for August 1st at 2pm weather permitting.

Treasurer Cass Bassie reported that memberships over the past three seasons have remained steady and pegged at 177 paid members.

The SLRA is still looking for a newsletter editor, website manager, cottage watch person and a lake safety manager.

Stamp will be stepping down as president, but will continue to remain on the board of directors.

“I wish to thank you all sincerely for the opportunity to serve our lake as president,” said Stamp in closing. “My deepest thanks to all of the amazing volunteers who make up the board of directors and committees. We’re truly blessed to have such talented people willing to dedicate their time to preserve the lake we love.”

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South Lake Association of Cottagers: Taxes and Roads Front and Centre

Lyn Winans
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The July 11th South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents (SLACAR) meeting commenced with a brief silence in memory of lake residents who had passed-away during the year.

After a review of the 2008 minutes, president Gayle Rowett, introduced Mary Lou Mizzen, (Point in Time) Joanne Penfold (Places for People) and Elly Malcomson. (Friends of the Library) Each charity received a \$250.00 donation from the lake association. Recipient representatives presented a short summary of activities within their respective organizations and thanked SLACAR for its community support.

Guest speaker, certified home inspector Pam Sayne, whose business Know Your Home Inspections, Inc, was nominated for the Haliburton Land Trust Green Business award, gave examples of ways in which cottagers and residents could save money and increase the value of their properties through improved energy efficiency. She answered questions and informed members of pamphlets, books and web sites where information is available and stressed that many rebates are obtainable through government programs when making approved changes to energy systems. Know Your Home Inspections, Inc also assists clients with the necessary paperwork for grant applications. More information can be located at the following web site: <http://www.professionalhomeinspections.ca/>

After giving an overview of Minden Hill's ongoing projects along with the government grants received for recreation, health and fitness initiatives, Reeve Jim McMahon and councilor Rick Ratcliffe (also a SLACAR member) fielded questions from those in attendance. One member inquired about reasons for this year's tax increase, and asked if increases were something ratepayers would be continually confronted with. McMahon responded that he thinks council can hold the line this year, and that unexpected costs arose due to extremely snowy winters and increased policing expenses. As police protection is a fee-for-service system, the reeve made reference to the sudden rash of break-ins in Minden Hills recently as an example of the unpredictability of policing. "Increased population means increased crime", stated Mc-



Top: Home Inspector Pam Sayne

Bottom: Minden Reeve Jim McMahon answers questions

Mahon. Nobody asked if the larger population also meant an increased tax base. It was also admitted that in retrospect, the 28 percent 2006 tax reduction was overzealous, and that it was necessary to play catch-up as a result. The need to raise salaries to attract competent staff to the area was another factor cited for the increase.

Several people complained about the voice mail system at the township office and the apparent lack of returned calls. It seems the reeve is not overly happy with the voice mail system himself, and assured the ratepayers that he would look into why calls are not being returned. It was suggested that requests be made in writing to assure a response. One incident cited was an unanswered call to remove a tree that had fallen across the road. Rick Ratcliffe suggested that possibly the tree wasn't on township property. When the questioner asked if the road was not the township's responsibility, Ratcliffe wanted to know where the "base" of the tree had been located, as the township can't cut trees on private property. It soon became apparent that this exchange was going nowhere and the topic was dropped. Roads did continue to be discussed however. Residents noted that roads were well ploughed during the school terms, but were noticeably neglected at other times. One SLACAR member suggested the association form a lobby group to deal with the roads' problems in the area. Another stated that going to South Carolina to play golf resolved his winter road woes. McMahon indicated that he would like improvements to roads and infrastructure to be the 2010 priority in the township and hopes more government rebates will be forthcoming for the work. Finally, concerns were voiced regarding permanent wooden structures being erected around trailers at the local trailer park.

Jane Leavis delivered the Treasurer's report and during the Introduction of Directors, members were encouraged to join the SLACAR executive although the present team will remain in place for the upcoming year.

Director for water quality, Kay Moore, informed the group that the results of three E-Coli water tests had been very acceptable. As the Silver Birches developers had just completed a comprehensive lake/water study, the proceeds from SLACAR's 2009 annual loonie auction will go to support the Minden Food Bank as the funds will not be needed for testing. Changing water levels were of some concern; volunteers were enlisted to check the beaver baffle for potential problems.

In closing, members were encouraged to attend SLACAR's golf tournament on August 15th and corn roast and loonie auction August 29th. ■

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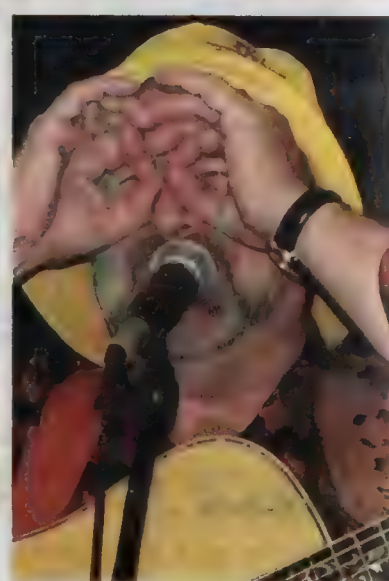
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Jimmy Flynn Returns

Although the crowd was not as large as last year's inaugural Jimmy Flynn concert in January 2008, those in attendance last weekend at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena made up for it with enthusiasm.

Flynn performed much of the evening decked in his traditional bright yellow Newfie sou'wester, but supplemented his repertoire with some country western and Elvis tunes this time around. His wife, Sylvia, also joined him on stage in celebration of their upcoming 40th wedding anniversary. Cousin Billy Flynn reappeared from Burk's Falls bearing gifts, a book containing old photographs from Jimmy's home town, Petite Forte, Newfoundland, and a family genealogy that he'd been working on since Jimmy's original gig when Bill discovered that in fact he and Jimmy were related.

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The initiative gives children – many of whom are enrolled in Point In Time programs – the opportunity to have some outdoor fun while they interact with other members of the community in a positive way.

The day began with instruction on how to cast a line. Then the children tried out the real thing along the shoreline of Head Lake. Kids were also able to go out on short boat rides with members of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), participate in some games and wrap up their day with a delicious BBQ.

Organizations that provided support to this year's event included the Ministry of Natural Resource, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Associations, the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, the Dysart et al fire department, Kinark Child and Family Services, Fishing Forever and Canadian Tire. ■



Local OPP and Other Community Partners Take Kids to the Water

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

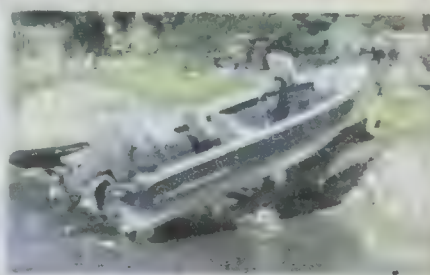
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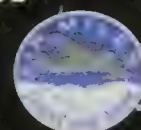
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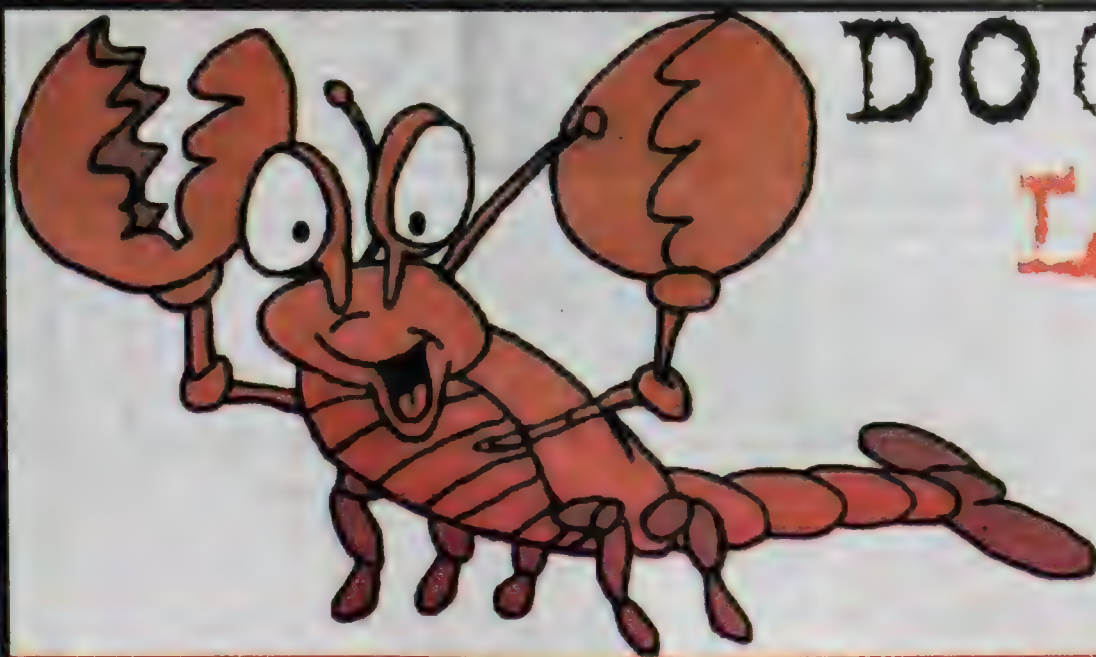


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**Kushog Lake - \$165,500**

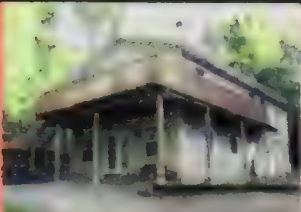
Great waterfront lot, with tear down cottage, has hydro, no septic - easy access in winter. Bunkie in good condition. Being sold in 'AS IS' condition. Kushog is a pristine lake - 9 miles long - good fishing.

**Geoff Bunn**
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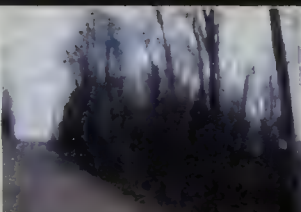
Great 3 Bedroom cottage located just a short drive from Haliburton. The shoreline has 158 ft of sandy pebbly bottom that is great for swimming, or dive off the dock into the deep water. At the end of the day, relax on the deck enjoying the view over the lake.

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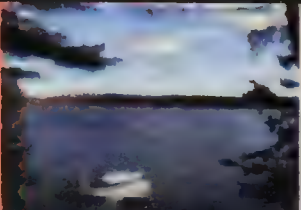
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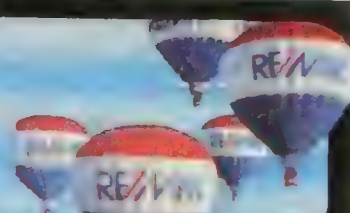
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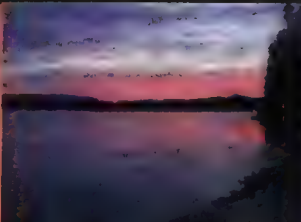


Lipry Lake - \$1,125,000

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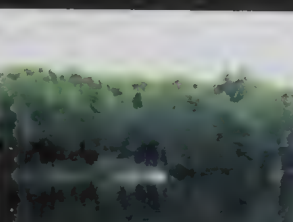


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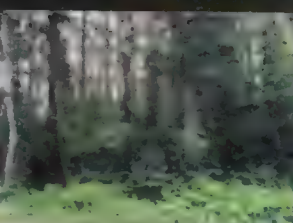


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Red Pine Lake - \$249,000

Wow....1100' shoreline on this stunning rock and pine point. An original 2 bedroom cottage with screened porch is charming. Getaway and enjoy true cottaging at this water access property.



Howland Junction Lot - \$21,900

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Peter* Brady
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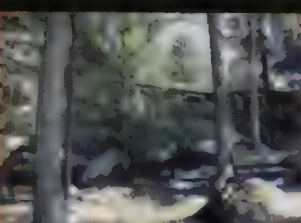


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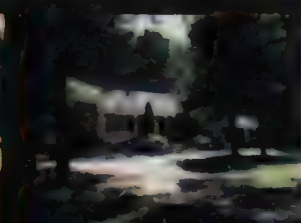


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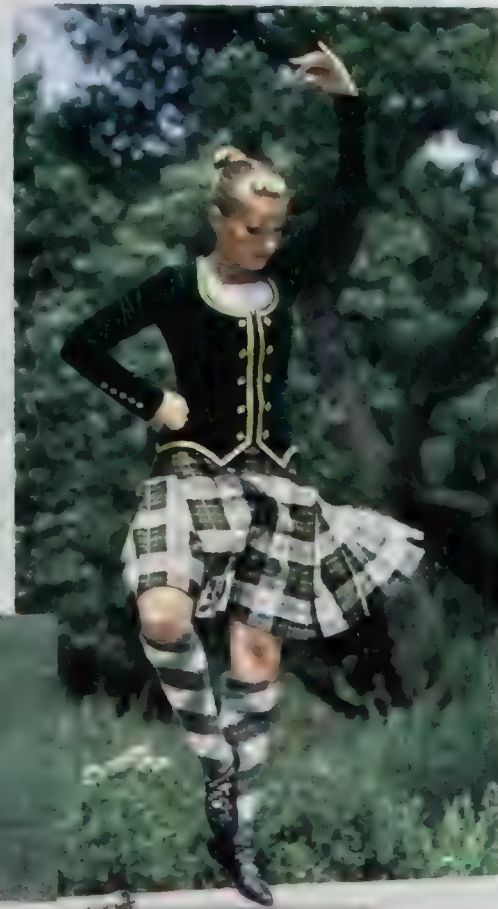
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Although this year's Highland Games got off to a soggy start, all vents were able to return to their usual outdoor venues by the afternoon last Saturday in Haliburton.

Well over 1000 people attended the popular event: five local girls, Emma Lavery, Hillary Vassos, Anna Stephens, Rachel Burk, and Sarah Day competed in a variety of dance categories: local Andrew Mansfield did the piping. During the popular herding demonstration the border collies were called upon to do some real work when the sheep decided to wander outside the designated ring and visit among the spectators. The unplanned escape provided the crowd with a close-up view of the action and a few good-humoured laughs. ■



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Left: Emma Lavery. Top Piper Andrew Mansfield. Top Right: Hillary Vassos

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Over One Year in the Making: "Interpretations"

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

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Ethel Curry was a successful artist from Haliburton who was known for her beautiful landscapes. Many of her pieces even were reminiscent of the work produced by the Group of Seven.

Two current local artists, Tom Green and Jane Selbie, gained some inspiration from some of Curry's finest work in the coming together of their new exhibit entitled "Interpretations". The show opened up at the Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton on Saturday, July 4

and will run until Thursday, July 30.

"This was a year's worth of work," said Green, who made 30 glass works for Interpretations. Green is a stained glass and glass blowing artist with 28 years of experience in his craft. He operates Glass Eagle Studios, a year-round studio in a renovated, century-old schoolhouse on Blairhampton Rd.

Green said that he first met Selbie, a fabric collage artist, through the annual Haliburton County Studio Tour years ago. He believes that Selbie and himself have a lot in common when it comes to the creation of their work, even though they use completely different materials and techniques.

"Jane works with thousands of small pieces in her work and so do I," he explained. "Her themes are very similar to mine and I think that the energy we share in our work is very similar."

In a few of his glass pieces presently on display at the gallery, Green has used a technique to layer glass glass, which considerably adds to the intricacy involved with putting together the image.

My 'Waterfalls' piece is made up of two and three layers of glass," said Green. "By layering the glass you get different thicknesses and it makes the waterfall shimmer and look like it's moving."

Green is also now including "overlays" of metal on a selection of his vibrant pieces. A good example of this work can be found in the gallery in his creation that features the four classical elements: earth, air, fire and water.

"It has overlays of metal in it and that's a bit different for me," Green pointed out. In one other piece, Green applied sheet metal to glass, which is then soldered using various techniques.

Selbie has been a fabric artist for many years now in the County. She runs her own studio in Haliburton and teaches at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

From a distance, her fabric works of art can easily be mistaken for paintings. Each intricate detail – from the reflections in water to the rays of light cast through the wooded landscapes – require a high level of attention to detail, patience and a vision to produce.

Selbie begins to create her work by cutting a big piece of 'canvas' out of cotton. She then arranges layers of fabric to establish the image. She usually starts with the sky and works her way down from there.

Selbie says she was excited to create a few pieces using her unique medium that would reflect Ethel Curry's style.

Near the gallery entrance are two pieces by Green and Selbie that were inspired by one of Curry's most familiar paintings, "East Lake Cabin". Pieces that weren't created to reflect Ethel Curry's work depict various landscape images that were inspired by Haliburton County.

To see the 30 pieces that Green created and the 18 more of Jane Selbie's, drop by the Ethel Curry Gallery located at 94 Maple St. in Haliburton. For gallery hours please call 705 457-9687.



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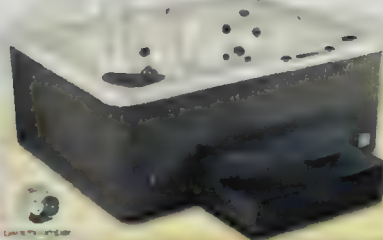
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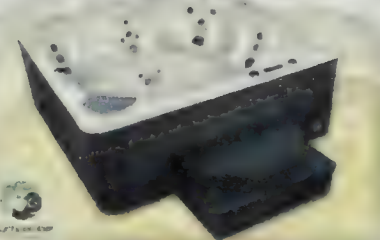
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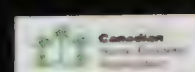
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Miskwabi Area Cottagers' Association Members Brave the Rain

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Unlike other cottage or property owners associations who choose to have their meetings inside, each year MACA (or the Miskwabi Area Cottagers' Association) hold their AGM in the great outdoors and despite looming clouds and the possibility of more thunder and lightning, over 50 members upheld this tradition last Saturday morning.

Association President Larry Holden welcomed participants bearing chairs, rain slickers and umbrellas just in case the skies opened up again, but the group was blessed by reasonably good weather while they conducted the business of the day.

Holden introduced executive members Vice President Sandra Bishop, Secretary Marg Montague and Treasurer Norm Fowler and Past President Paul Culver, as well as guest speakers for the day including Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, Ward Councillor Derek Knowles, Haliburton County Broadband Coordinator Jamie Parks and OPP Constable Mark McMaster.

MACA is an association that represents the interests of cottagers and residents of four lakes including Long Lake, Miskwabi, Wenona and Negaunee Lakes. According to Holden the process of amalgamation (something that was voted on unanimously by the membership) is taking a bit longer than anticipated, but progress is being made.

One of the initiatives the executive has undertaken as part of a move to create a unique identity that encompasses the four lakes is to hold a t-shirt contest. VP Sandra Bishop thanked the members who sent in entries. She commented that the association had been founded in 1974, but incorporated in 1980 and that she would like to expand the contest to include both the 30 year anniversary theme and ideas that would brand the association. She invited more entries which she suggested would be posted on the website for members to vote on.

Norm Fowler presented his 'sermon on the amount' which detailed the yearend financial position. Fowler said they had a healthy bank balance and spoke of donations made in the past. He asked, given their 'flush position,' for input on future donations and suggestions came from members agreeing to continue with hospital donations, a \$500 donation towards furniture for the new Dysart library and for a donation to SIRCH, all of which benefit people in the area.

Haden Heathcock confirmed that he continued to get excellent readings on water quality in Miskwabi Lake. He asked for members to express an interest in taking readings in the other member lakes and encouraged all members to continue to follow recommended practices to ensure that they continued to get good readings.

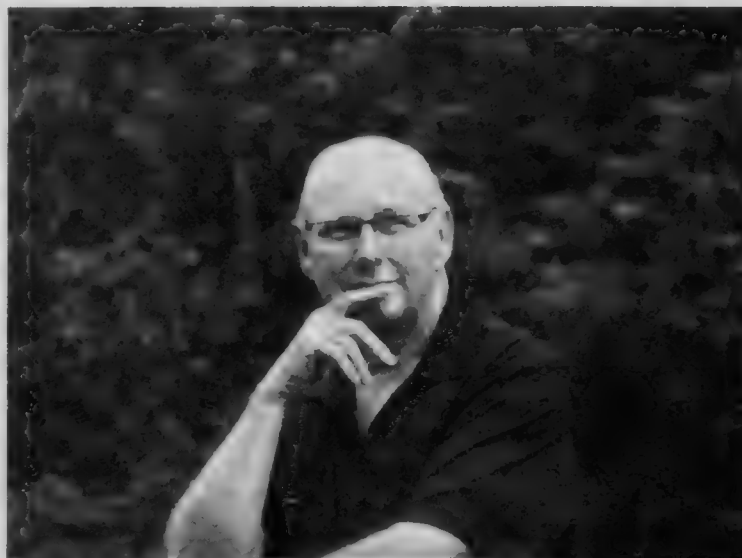
Holden reported that the Executive had gotten into the habit of holding their elections for a full board every second year, but commented that they should actually have their elections each year for half of their members to ensure continuity of members. Montague, Mosher and Wiseman, along with Moe Welch, who volunteered to serve, were all appointed as directors.

Broadband Coordinator Jamie Parks then provided an overview of services in the County and the work being done with Bell Aliant to complete the 2009/2010 broadband program. He spoke of the County's goal to provide service to as many residents as possible as well as providing opportunities to maximize existing services. Parks commented on the challenges in delivering high speed service across difficult terrain and given the seclusion of many areas. He also said that the County was also working with Xittel to provide service to residents and small business, adding that Xittel require indications of interest in their service.

According to Parks service will not be provided to the Miskwabi area in the near future, but commented that if residents were not within the footprint of Bell Aliant or Xittel service, they could avail themselves of the Rogers Rocket or Bell Turbo which he said were good interim service providers. According to Parks if you have good cell phone service these options will work well and are affordable.

Parks also advised the members that the County had established partnerships with Fleming College and the Haliburton County Development Corporation to provide basic internet training and courses on data security, branding your business and understanding web design. He also reported that they

**"Let's all be part of
the neighbourhood."
(Murray Fearrey)**



Top: Reeve Murray Fearrey
Above: Constable Mark McMaster
Right: MACA President Larry Holden

hot spots for wireless service throughout the County and that press releases will keep residents informed. Reeve Murray Fearrey spoke about the increases in assessment and work the municipality had done to ensure a rate increase of no more than 2.5 percent. According to Fearrey this small increase was prudent given the present financial climate and the municipality was in a very good financial position.

Responding to indications that the municipality may relax their position on ATV's on municipal roads, Fearrey said that was not the case. He said some of the lake associations had come forward asking for access across or along certain portions of roads to access other areas and trails.

"Liability is a big issue with the use of ATV's on roads that were designed for cars travelling at 50 kph, not ATV's," he said. "We have to ensure we're not being sued because we've allowed someone in an unsuitable area," but he suggested that the municipality may give consideration to this at some point in the future.

Fearrey also spoke of the importance of protecting the quality of water in area lakes. He referred to cottage rentals and asked people to be very cautious in determining how their cottages would be used. "Bear noise factors in mind and remember that if large numbers of people are using more than normal amounts of water it may be more than the septic systems can handle." Fearrey asked that people consider putting conditions in their rental agreements and said, "Let's all be part of the neighbourhood."

Ward Councillor Derek Knowles advised that the next hazardous waste day would be held on August 8th from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and that there would be a public meeting on August 22nd for residents to learn more about the 5 year Official Plan review presently under way.

Knowles spoke about the success that the Municipality is having with waste management and some of the changes that had taken place. He also raised the controversial issue of portable garages becoming more and more prolific in the municipality and even being used for boat houses or shelters for watercraft. Knowles said that these structures were not permitted in the municipality and did not meet the requirements of the Ontario Building Code.

Holden then spoke about the cottage watch program that the Executive had considered. He said that in order to be successful they needed 100 percent commitment from their members which had resulted in a decision not to move forward. However, Holden said that they had decided to purchase an engraver so people can mark their valuables and it would be available to all members.

Constable McMaster then spoke about crime in the area. According to McMaster break and enters are the most prevalent crime in the County and there are a number of ways to 'target harden' properties. He suggested the installation of motion lights, having good quality dead bolts installed with long screws making doors hard to kick in, something which would go further toward alarming neighbours.

McMaster also recommended engraving items, adding that each year the OPP auction off incredible amounts of property that can't be identified.

According to McMaster installing alarm systems is a great idea, but residents should also have key holders checking properties out on a regular basis. He reminded them that the OPP have to cover an area that reaches from Harcourt to Dorset and that a large percentage of the alarms are false. He spoke of the difficulty of covering such a large area and that it often took considerable time to respond, given the distance. McMaster recommended the installation of game cameras which were inexpensive, often camouflage in colour and

were motion sensitive.

"Believe it or not, it's great to have nosy neighbours. They can be the eyes and ears for you and for us," he said, adding that the police always canvas neighbours and appreciate calls from them about unusual activity which can lead to assisting with a case. He also commented that the only real way to keep boats safe was to take them home.

McMaster also reminded members that no two seater ATV's (side by sides or 2-ups included) are allowed on the roads in Dysart. He added that helmets plus licences and insurance are required for all ATV's in the County.

Responding to a question about boat patrols, McMaster said that he had 400 lakes to patrol and that they generally responded to specific complaints. He also said, "It's pretty hard to sneak up on folks in our boat," adding that people generally learn that he's on a lake within minutes of his arrival.

Member Steve Dyce spoke of his plan for a four kilometre Green Poker Run using kayaks and canoes to travel from Miskwabi through the narrows to Long Lake. He urged members to participate, saying that donations from registration fees would be donated to the hospital. Holden said that they were checking with their insurance company on how they could cover guests and people living on the lake that were not members as they wanted to encourage participation.

Discussion then turned to the loons and bears. Last year there were a number of loon chicks identified on the lakes and the association is trying to encourage boaters to either avoid going near or creating any great amount of wake in proximity to the nesting areas. Holden also commented that there had been a number of bear sightings, and urged residents to keep their garbage inside and not to call the Ministry unless the bears were being a real nuisance. ■

Redstone Lake Cottagers: Internet, Acid Rain, and Lake Plan

Stephen Patrick
Editor

The Redstone Lake Cottagers Association (RLCA) held its Annual General Meeting last Saturday at the Haliburton Forest Reserve. About 60 or so of its over 200 members braved the cold and rain to hear a variety of reports and presentations. President Shal Gewurtz welcomed the gathering and in his president's report introduced an attractive map that the RLCA has produced with the cooperation of Haliburton County, and which will be free to all association members.

Gewurtz also brought the members up to speed on the RLCA's Board of Directors decision to become a part of the Coalition of Haliburton Associations (CHA) which was formed recently in an effort to pool sometimes scant resources between the different cottagers and property association memberships. He cited the proposed production of a Manual for area property owners, as well as the possible sharing of newsletter articles as examples of what this cooperation could do. The ongoing efforts to produce a Lake Plan were also mentioned as a top priority for the RLCA. Some members questioned the rationale for the Lake Plan, and Gewurtz replied that it could be a valuable tool for all cottagers and permanent residences in defining just what kind of Lake environment they wanted. It

could answer such questions as "Do you want a marina on Redstone?", or "Should boathouses be allowed?" or, "Should clear cutting of properties to the shoreline be allowed?"

Local Dysart Councilor Janis Parker pointed out that for a Lake Plan to become official, fully 75 percent of property owners would have to approve it, including both RLCA members and non members. "It's really a best practices guide to how we want to live together on our lakes," said Parker, who noted that "It's sometimes difficult to tell someone who's just spent \$450,000 on a lot that they really shouldn't clear all the trees off their land." It was also pointed out that there would be an Open House for public input into Dysart et al's Official Plan deliberations on August 21st.

Gewurtz then welcomed the County of Haliburton's Broadband Coordinator Jamie Parks to the meeting to report on the state, or lack of, of broadband access in the area. Parks began by pointing out that he was indeed an employee of the County, and not Bell Aliant, as has been reported elsewhere. He admitted that there would be limited increased availability of DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) on Redstone Lake, despite the recent injection of \$1 million from the province, and an additional \$2.8 million from Bell Aliant. "It all comes down to how many miles of fibre optic cable can serve how many people. Bell is expanding our 'cabinets' - which are distribution centres that can accommodate residences with a 5.5 kilometre range - but these cost \$250,000 each. There is also a Xittel wireless option available for some areas of Redstone that DSL doesn't reach. The tower is by Kennis Laker and, and Xittel is looking for permission from a landowner to build a repeater, or bounce-back tower on the east side of Redstone." Xittel is the successor to Connex3, which built the government wireless infrastructure a few years back. Parks reminded the group, to its amusement, that

any cottager who would agree to having a tower built on their land, "would be a very popular person indeed, and would certainly get free internet, possibly a small payment, and maybe even a T-shirt," for their troubles.

Parks also reminded his audience that both Bell and Rogers were selling Internet connection 'sticks' that connect to your laptop, and then to the nearest cell tower. If your cell gets excellent reception at your cottage, you might well get up to about 2 mg speed on your laptop.

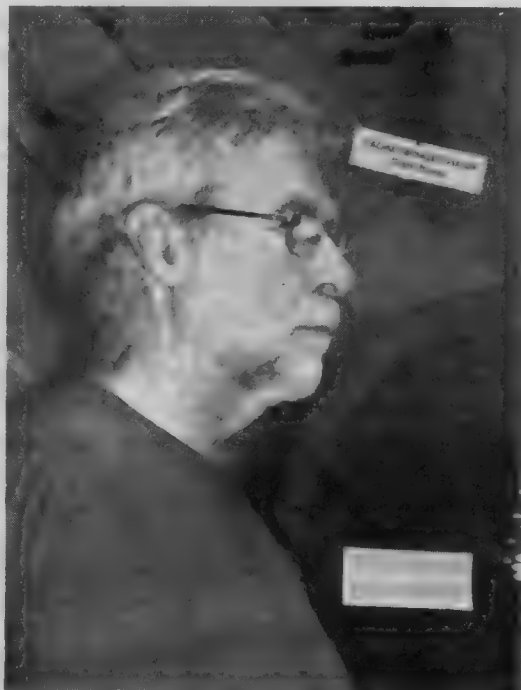
Finally, Parks announced that the County would be providing wi fi 'hot spots' at various locations and he hoped to be able to announce soon that the West Guilford Community Centre would be one of them. That would allow cottagers to bring their laptop to the Centre, or just sit outside in their cars, and access their email and the web. Other locations where both access computers and wireless internet access include the libraries in Minden, Cardiff, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Wilberforce, and Dysart Libraries. Wireless will also be available at the County headquarters in Minden, the Minden Arena, and the Dysart Arena. As well, Parks outlines a number of courses the County is sponsoring at the Fall session at Fleming College Haliburton Campus.

The meeting then heard reports on the RLCA's rapidly expanding website, (408 visits in June 2009, up 77 percent from 2008), and heard of ongoing plans to use the website as a more effective tool for members, and for increasing membership. Lake Steward John Jackson reported that

Redstone, Little Redstone, and Pelaw Lakes were all essentially very healthy bodies of water, with little evidence of the conditions that can lead to excessive algae, for example. He also reported that the Association purchased acid rain/alkaline testing equipment and had resumed testing of those levels in the lakes (which governments had ceased to monitor in the 1990s). The last government measure, in 1990, showed that the acidity was at a 6.6 level: Jackson's readings, taken in the last six months, showed the level well into the alkaline side of the scale at 8.2 to 8.5. In other words, the acid rain problem looks to be over, but the alkaline content of the lake is now perhaps a little high. Further testing will be done as the summer progresses.

Board Director John Anderson reported on the progress, or lack of, on the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, and expressed some frustration that the Trent Severn Waterways management had not reacted quickly, if at all, to the many CEWF recommendations contained in their report "It's All About the Water". Apparently any action has been slowed down by current economic conditions, and Anderson urged the members to lobby their federal and provincial representations to get going.

Finally David Flowers, the Ministry of Natural Resources Fisheries Extension Biologist for the Minden Area informed the meeting of a "Broad-scale fisheries monitoring program on Redstone Lake to be conducted in September. The Voice will have a full report on the program in next week's issue. ■



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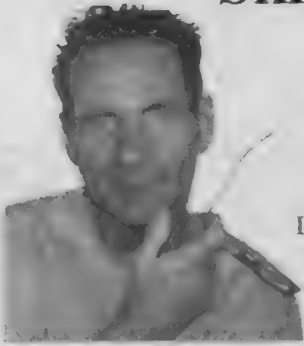
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Bowker says the winch boat is an option that is 100 percent safer than the old beach launch method of parasailing.

"You used to hear crazy stories from back in the eighties when parasailing started," smiles Bowker. Today says Bowker, the winch lets you out off the platform slowly and then reels you back in on the return.

"We're using the best equipment and the newest technology," says Bowker.

A flight can cost as little as \$46 dollars per person if you choose the triple tandem bar option.

Bowker offered two scribes from the Voice a flight and we jumped at the opportunity.

And Bowker is right. Safe, reliable and courteous, and one heck of an adventure.

But be forewarned. Pick your flight partner with care and consideration. Once you're up there, well, you're there for a while.

I found this out the hard way.

It's quite quiet up there; except for the low drone of co-rider and Voice Reporter Mark Arike, who convinced me to take him along for the ride on this tandem flight.

Two minutes into the flight, I finally convinced Arike that he didn't have to maintain a 'death grip' on the hanging straps hold-

ing us into our canvas seats.

Freaky Arike let go of the straps. But he continued to have his arms in the air, in the old "stick 'em up" pose. You know, just in case he might need to grab hard onto the reins again.

Another minute of watching him in full rigor mortis mode, I convinced him to summon his inner Jack Nicholson.

"Mark, look at me," I yelled from behind, on the tandem two-person set underneath the parasail.

"Do a Jack ... Do a Jack!" I screamed waving my arms and flapping maniacally like a wounded ostrich on a Jonathan Livingstone Seagull Peyote trip.

"What's a Jack, for God's sake?" screamed Arike, who was trying to relax, but was obviously growing increasingly ambivalent about my proffered advice.

"Jack Nicholson you great feathery dolt!" I yelled.

He glanced back to stare at me, like I had just descended from Mars.

The eyes were wide as saucers, the look unyielding and non-comprehensive.

I recognized it immediately.

Altitude sickness compounded by winded thrust.

The wind at 350 feet was undoubtedly whistling through the empty spaces between those floppy ears.

He screamed at me: "Jack Nicholson, what?"

I began flapping my wings even harder, trying to jog that unfertilized noggin back to life.

"Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper and Jack!" I screamed, arms flapping willy-nilly just like Jack did on the back of that chopper sitting behind Dennis Hopper in that old sixties anthem to the road.

"Easy Rider! Easy Rider, you great disenfranchised ink wretch!" I screamed still flapping my wings.

"Easy What?" screamed Mark, just another young whippersnapper, with no touchstone to reality or great movies borne from seminal literature.

"Easy Rider, Easy Rider the film, you clandestine moron!" I scream over the gusty wind that moves us over a sandy beach far below.

"Have you never read Jack Kerouac, you illiterate scoundrel?" I ask.

"Jack Shellack?" screams Mark. "What are you talking about?"

I gave up.

"Just flap your wings, you sullen excuse for a pundit," I beg, over the windy, blue-tinged slipstream.

And my goodness!

He takes the cue.

He says: "Oh you mean like this! Wheeeeeeee!"

"By George I think she's got it!" I exclaim.

He looks back and I see the eyes glazing over once again.

Damn literary references.

"Never mind ... it's just Shaw and Pygmalion you great goofus ... forget it ... keep flapping you great speckled bird," I scream, failing to footnote Ian and Sylvia Tyson.

And we are both of us, under the smiling happy face on the large parasail flapping like Jack.

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Kashaga Lodge Hosts Ontario Kayak Fishing Classic

35 anglers attend unique fishing derby

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

The first ever Ontario Kayak Fishing Classic tournament hosted by Kashaga Lodge drew 32 competitors last weekend.

The highlight of the event - a bass fishing derby - might have been the fish tale of a first time kayak angler who hooked into a Lake Kashagawigamog Muskie.

The Muskie towed both he and his kayak around the bay for about 20 minutes while other anglers looked on in amazement.

The Muskie went on his way when he spun the hook from his mouth and the angler decided to take an early lunch.

Now Muskies don't count in a bass fishing derby.

But that ride was well worth the weekend for that particular angler. And it also may have juiced yet another kayak novice to the sport, which is a growing phenomena in North America.

The tourney started Saturday July 11th at 6 am sharp and tournament organizers Jeff Goudreau and L-A Shibish were ecstatic over the turnout. The derby continued on Sunday from 6 am to 2 pm and awards were given out at 4 pm on Sunday.

Shibish and Goudreau, two BC natives, organized a successful kayak fishing event last year in British Columbia and since both are in Ontario for the summer this season, they decided to test the waters and see just how much interest was in a kayak bass derby on the shores of lake Kashagawigamog.

The response was gratifying. Anglers from all over Ontario and parts of Quebec attended, some for their first experience and some who have been partaking of this sport over the past several years.

Shibish said that it was an excellent opportunity to introduce Ontario to a sport that has been catching some breaking waves in BC.

"Jeff was working out in British Columbia and I go to school out there so the two of us did a kayak salmon fishing derby there last year and both of us ended up in Ontario this year for the summer and we decided to give it a try," said Shibish.

"The kayak derbies are very new, but there's a huge interest in kayak angling and it's a growing sport," says Shibish, who is a Vancouver Island University student. She's working here as a Co-Op student with credits to her eventual degree in Tourism Management.

Goudreau is a kayak angler and very involved in the sport said Shibish. Indeed he was out on the water for the better part of Saturday and Sunday leaving Shibish in charge of the record keeping, which was simplified greatly by the use of the digital measurements.

The tournament was for bass only and the best three on both days are measured for overall length.

It's catch and release and each participant carries a measuring device and a digital camera said Shibish. The best three fish on each day qualify and the winner is the angler with the biggest number for six fish. Three fish must be measured on Saturday and three were measured on the Sunday.

The measurements were all kept on a laptop and verified by Shibish who measured the longest three fish on each day for a total of six.

"Very environmentally friendly," said Shibish. "We're using human powered watercraft, and it's all catch and release and we've also greened the event with recycling."

She said that neighbors near Kashaga Lodge hardly knew that there was an event going on.

The event organizers also made kayaks available to participants who didn't have boats of their own.

She said that several young anglers were competing in the under 12 class and that participants ranged in age from about 9 to 60.

One gentleman who was just heading back onto the water after lunch on Saturday said that he has a bass boat in his garage back in Oshawa.

He said he took up kayak angling just three years ago and since then the big bass boat with the



bells and whistles has not seen the water.

He argues that the kayak gives him greater range, more mobility and also fulfills an environmental need.

Easy to launch, easy to carry, and he adds that it makes even small bodies of water extra accessible.

Many of the first time anglers expressed delight when they discovered how close into the weed beds they could get. They could broach hidden holes, which would never be accessible with a big old bass boat.

Many couldn't wait to get back to the water and most said that overall, it was the quiet that separated this tourney from the motorized fishing derbies.

Top prize was a loaded WS Tarpon 160, kayak fishing boat, and other prizes included a Kokatat dry suit, rod and reel combos and a raffle for an Ocean Kayak Trident 15.

And judging from the success of this first annual derby, it may just become a fixture in the future.

Indeed Shibish said that the first annual Ontario Kayak Fishing Classic at Kashaga Lodge bears all the earmarks of becoming a premiere kayak angling event. ■

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Flapping mad as we glide gently from one end of Lake Kashagawigamog to the other. Trust me folks.

If the smile on Arike's face is any indication, this ride is well worth the trip to Ski-Mazing Water Sports headquarters - right beside the Wigamog Inn on Wigamog Road, off County Road 21 just west of Haliburton.

As we winched safely back down to the platform - but only after the thrilling toe drag in the water - Mark was still flapping madly.

Just like Jack.

After we were back on terra firma Mark asked me about Easy Rider - and Jack Kerouac.

I pulled one of my old dog-eared copies of On the Road from my glove compartment and last weekend I gave him a DVD of Easy Rider.

I got an interesting phone call from Mark last Saturday night.

"Terry - love the book," said Mark. "Question; what's peyote?"

I told him to Google Carlos Castaneda.

Haven't seen hide or hair of Mark in two days.

He's not answering his Blackberry.

I'm giving him another 24 hours.

Then I'm calling in the tracking dogs.

Just in case he's metamorphosed into a "Spirit Wolf."

For info on parasail flights get in touch with Ski-Mazing at 457-8359. ■

Bill Meyerman Lives Life one Adventure at a Time

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor



Bill Meyerman says that one's approach to living centers upon one's capacity to accept life on life's terms.

Understand that Bill Meyerman – who resides in Kingston, ON – is not a preacher, or a life-style guru.

He's just an ordinary guy, who at an early age was asked to come face to face with a significant challenge.

In 1969 Bill Meyerman was involved in a car accident.

It left him paralyzed and in a wheelchair.

That was forty years ago.

Bill turned 46 last Saturday.

On Friday afternoon at Ski-Mazing Water Sports, his wife Kim, and daughters Maya, 9, and Kylie, 7 presented him with a very special birthday present.

A ride on a specially-designed sit-ski behind one of Craig Bowker's Ski-Mazing Water Sports powerful water-ski boats.

Craig Bowker is a trained sit-ski instructor. He runs Ski-Mazing Water Sports, located right next to the Wigamog Inn on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog here in Haliburton.

When he was first approached by Kim and Bill about the birthday plans Craig was enlivened by the prospect of providing Bill with the experience of a lifetime.

"The family was staying at Willow Beach Cottages and they brought their daughters in for some ski lessons," smiles Craig.

Bill and Craig started talking and Bill asked Craig if he had access to a sit ski.

"I said no, but told him that I'm ski-ability trained and that I could have one delivered up here if he was interested," says Craig. Kim, Maya and Kylie decided that it would be a great 46th birthday gift.

Craig and his staff set the plan in motion.

Craig says he does ski-ability work with ampu-

tees, but this was the first time they would be working with a paraplegic.

He called his good friend Margy Fairbairn who is an occupational therapist and he made sure that he had a crack staff of his instructors on hand for the Friday ride.

Somewhat synchronous, because Bill Meyerman works in a program with graduating occupational therapists in a program at Queen's University. He spends time with the students introducing them to challenges extant with life in a wheelchair.

Easy to imagine Bill as an excellent candidate for such a position. There is a shopworn and homespun good natured ambivalence about Bill.

"I'm mostly a stay at home dad," says Meyerman, hugging Maya and Kylie. He serves on a number of boards in Kingston. After forty years in a wheelchair he has seen some great leaps in both technology and access for the handicapped. But still lots of work to be done.

He does what he can.

Now, understand Bill Meyerman is no stranger to challenges.

In his 40 years as a paraplegic Bill has taken on a number of crazy dares.

He's been a swimmer on numerous provincial Athletes with Disabilities swim teams, garnering a number of gold, silver and bronze medals in the course of his swimming career.

In 1980 he learned how to scuba dive and took part in some free diving demonstrations.

And at another point in his life, he decided to jump out of a perfectly good airplane, tied to a parachute.

Skydiving, scuba diving, swimming, wheelchair basketball and now water skiing – Bill Meyerman has taken on life with gusto and with a calm, rational nonchalance.

Asked what pushes him, Bill Meyerman will only shrug and point to his family.

"I'm comfortable doing these things," says Bill. Maya and Kylie are watching the training session, rapt as Craig delivers some staccato bursts of information surrounding the operation of the sit-ski.

The girls are careful to let dad ingest all of the pertinent information.

And from the look on their faces it becomes evident just who is "most excited" about this special birthday adventure.

Surely some karmic intuition here in the faces of Kylie and Maya.

A dead giveaway to the axiom that it truly is nicer "to give than to receive."

During the preparations for the entry into the water, Meyerman went to great lengths to make his assistants feel comfortable with his own limitations.

Good natured and comfortable with all the fuss surrounding the preparations Meyerman talks with Bowker about his own experience in the water.

"I'm comfortable in the water, so don't worry if I'm out of the chair," smiles Meyerman, as he reassures Bowker and the support staff that spills will be accepted as a de rigueur part of the experience.

The chair is attached to a wide water ski, attached to a little seat, and the tethers to the boat are equipped with functional releases. Bowker and his assistant will be on skis on either side of Bill as the boat accelerates with all three bodies in tow. An outrunner instructor, on a Ski-Mazing jet ski is alongside for support.

There is a glint in Bill's eye that says: "Let's cut to the chase and hit it!"

"Look, even if I'm down in the water, I should be all

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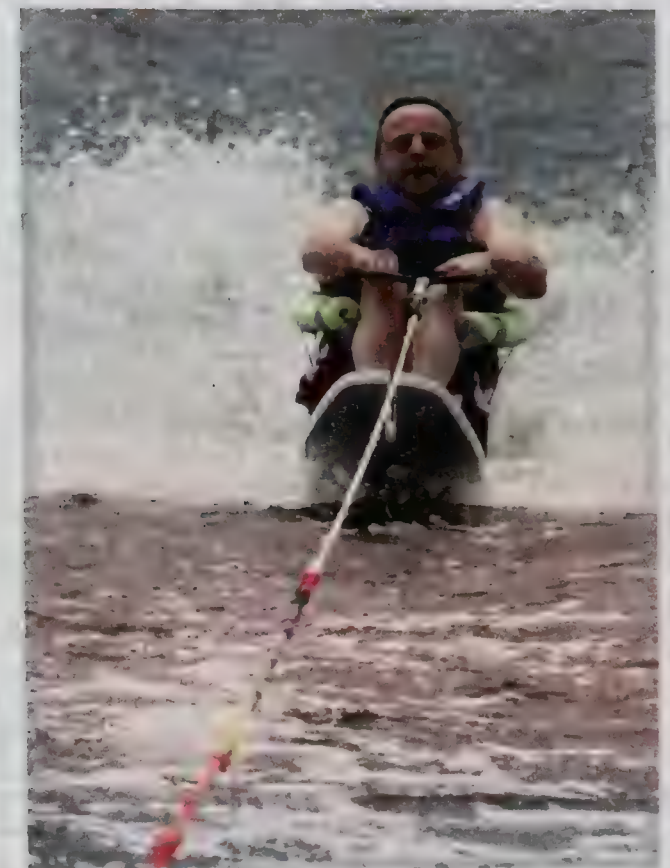
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Kingston man gets a beautiful 46th Birthday present

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right, I can tread water for a long time and I can right myself in the vest," says Bill.

That smile, that infectious and easy grin, is ever present.

Something you glean from Meyerman after a few minutes in his presence: Bill Meyerman smiles a lot.

And he loves his life – spiced, apparently, with a modicum of hair-raising stunts.

Earlier, Bill let a writer in on a little secret.

"You learn to accept certain things after 40 years," smiles Meyerman.

Like the fact that people including Kim, Kyle, Maya and Craig will be extremely worried the first time they see him dumped out of the sit-ski and into the drink.

According to Bowker, it was Bill who ended up putting the support staff at ease.

"He really inspired me a lot," smiles Bowker. "He filled me with confidence ... whenever he fell he said 'let's go again.'"

Sitting in the tow-boat with Kim, Maya and Kylie, you could feel some tension as Bowker and Ski-Mazing instructor Sean Quinlan took their posts on either side of Bill in the sit-ski.

On the first hit, Bill got up, hit some turbulence and was down.

Second try, same result.

Third try and Bill, Sean and Craig all rose in unison and managed a three-second run before crashing.

After each fall, frowns creased the foreheads of Maya and Kylie. Always Bill would turn to the boat to give a reassuring thumbs up to his wife and daughter.

Dad is no slouch in the water. The message delivered. Dad's just fine.

Then, on the fifth pass, determination burned on Bill's brow, we heard "hit it" and all three skiers rose in tune to the rumbled roar of the tow-boat.

Bill was up, and up to stay. He fought off some wobbles and then gave a short thumb's up to his family in the boat.

Once they were sure that he was balanced both Craig and Sean let go of their student.

And Bill Meyerman was flying low, slow and solo, alone in the wake.

In all Bill nailed down two superb and solid solo sit-ski runs.

After it was done?

Bill took it all in with good-natured aplomb.

"Well, that's my first on a sit-ski ... it was fun," smiles Bill Meyerman.

Better than scuba diving or skydiving?

"Different," he says.

Something else Bill says after his excellent adventure.

"Important to find something new to do."

The last part was left unsaid.

Probably because some shoe company has the rights.

"And then? Just do it."

Y'know, like Bill Meyerman. ■

Bonnie View Rocks the Dock for Local Kids



BonnieView Inn was the setting for "Rock the Dock" this past Sunday, a fun event to raise both awareness and funds to fight child poverty in Haliburton County. Andrea Hagarty and Monte Miscio, owners of Bonnie View provided the location and food, while Carl Dixon, who has performed with April Wine, The Guess Who and Coney Hatch entertained on the only lakeside licensed patio on Kashagawigamog Lake.

Their efforts were in support of SIRCH's Healthy Children Program. Miscio had previously been involved in the chef of the month challenge, and the threesome conceived Rock the Dock as yet another venue to support local kids. Organizer, Nancy Brownsberger, of SIRCH, cited statistics indicating that the rate of child poverty in Haliburton County is one of the highest in the nation. Rock the Dock raised \$660 for SIRCH: Carl Dixon donated his time and services. □

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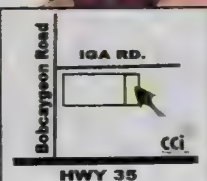
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Minden Hills Accepts Partnership with OPP

"The key to the program is visibility which in itself is the largest deterrent." Staff Sgt. Quigley

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

After listening to a delegation by Staff Sgt. Malcolm Quigley and Chief Superintendent Mike Armstrong of the Central Region, the Minden Hills Council reversed its earlier position and agreed to participate in the Enhanced Police Visibility Program last Friday.

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment was requesting \$10,000 to offer a test program, the cost to be split between all four municipalities in the County. To date Dysart, Algonquin Highlands and now Minden Hills have agreed to participate and Quigley will be presenting the program to Highlands East this week.

The funding would cover the cost of 22 additional directed patrols of various types throughout the summer. The anticipated benefits would be increased police visibility and communications with residents and business owners, deterring unacceptable behaviour through visible patrols, deterrence of drug activity and overall reduced calls for service.

At a meeting earlier in the month, without the benefit of meeting face to face with Quigley and concerned about additional unbudgeted items, the members of the Minden Hills Council determined that they had no desire to pay for services that they felt should already be provided and they turned down the proposal.

In a background report promoting the program a strong point was made that the summer population, estimated at approxi-



Chief Superintendent (Central Region) Mike Armstrong and Minden Staff Sgt. Malcolm Quigley

mately 40,000 people across the County continues to challenge the OPP and requires reactive rather than proactive policing. Quigley advised that staffing levels in the winter don't justify the work in the summer. He said that requests to increase the levels of staffing in the District of Muskoka were not successful and as an alternative, this program was implemented in 1999 and continues to be successful to this day.

Armstrong confirmed that there are 29 officers in the Haliburton Highlands detachment. He also commented that the OPP do not have to ability to move officers

on a seasonal basis, which creates unique pressures in an area like Haliburton where the population is so much higher during the summer months.

Councillor Barbara Reid asked, "Of the 29 officers in the detachment, how many are on some form of limited ability and cannot patrol due to short or long term issues?" Armstrong responded that two full time people were limited to administrative duties, but added that they had an obligation to accommodate those members.

Armstrong agreed that this had an impact, but said the members were being maximized internally and are very effective. He also confirmed that there is one full time community service officer (Mark McMaster), one full time court officer and of the remaining officers three are dedicated to the crime unit. One of the crime unit positions is presently not filled.

In response to a question by Councillor Peter Oyler, Armstrong also advised that they receive approximately 2400 hours of service from each officer on an annual basis which is the number they use to factor their work load. He added that since the 1999 compliment of officers was established one additional officer had been added bringing the total number of officers to 29, but this has been complicated by the fact that the number of calls for service have doubled in that time.

According to Armstrong, the advantage of this program is that the Detachment Commander can identify specific needs based on priorities set by the Municipality.

Quigley said, "Part of the feedback we got back from Reeve McMahon is that the Council feel that possibly not enough is being done with current services."

He provided a bit of a snapshot of the workload in the area which included the fact that with the introduction of the 911 system and the ability to instantly call for police service had increased the number of calls dramatically. In addition 12 hour shifts had been implemented which reduced the number of officers in each platoon. The increase in population staying on recreational properties during the non traditional season has had an impact along with the

implementation of the Police Investigation Adequacy Standards which requires as much as 12 hours for each investigation depending on the severity of the case, but further reduces the visibility of each of the front line officers.

Quigley said that he had been committed to making the detachment as efficient as possible before requesting this program. He said, "We made sure we were getting every drop of blood out of the stone before asking for this."

Reid, commenting that more than 10 percent of the officers were not available for active duty asked why the two officers on desk duty could not be seconded to another centre. She said, "Three people out of 29 are a lot of resources not providing service. I have a hard time understanding why the right thing to do is ask officers already stretched to do more overtime, rather than getting full time duty officers into the detachment."

Armstrong responded that these numbers were much higher in other areas. He said, "We do not have a place to move officers to. We've looked at this strategically, but the labour laws are very strict about accommodating these officers."

Councillor Lisa Schell said that after reviewing the package provided she felt that Council should move forward with the program.

Reid said that she needed to hear from the Treasurer where the funding was coming from, reminding Council that at the last meeting the CAO had advised that there was no money to fund the program.

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch commented that while she had been in a negative position several weeks ago, she was very concerned about unsavoury activity in the downtown area. She said that since that time the Reeve had informed her that there is money in place that can be accessed and she had changed her mind.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff also asked where the money was coming from. The CAO responded that there is a reserve account for policing on the books and that if Council intended to fund the program they would be required to pass a resolution that the money should come from that account.

Reeve Jim McMahon commented that he had informed the Treasurer that there was a policing reserve account which had been brought forward from the Lutterworth days. He said, "There is no reason why we can't take the money from there."

In response to Ratcliffe asking why the fund had not shown up on the reserve lists in the past, the CAO reiterated that the money had always been on the list.

Reid said she was concerned about managing expectations of the program. She asked how the program's effectiveness would be evaluated. Quigley responded that they had developed a tracking mechanism which has worked well.

"The key to the program is visibility which in itself is the largest deterrent," Quigley said

Council discussed the best use of the additional patrols and Quigley suggested looking at the events calendar, Council stressed the need for close attention to the downtown core. Councillor Peter Oyler said, "The problems we have are related to vandalism and drug operations." Oyler also suggested bike patrols as they can cover a lot more area in a short period of time.

Oyler offered his support to the program, but commented that Council should look at the broader picture. He said,

"There is no doubt that this will be a success and that the OPP will be asking for more money before you can say Bob's your uncle. Yet again the Municipality is taking on more of the workload on the backs of our taxpayers for programs that should be offered by higher levels of government."

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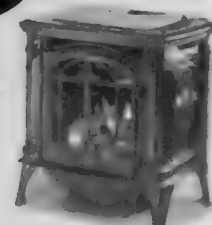
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Butterflies are Free and Fluttering to the Northern Lights

Play still delivers the goods after three decades

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter



"Butterflies Are Free," at Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton, through July 24, was a long-running Broadway success in the seventies.

Written by Leonard Gershe it remains a solid comedy in two acts.

It's the story of Don Baker, a young blind man who is breaking away from his smothering mother and the sanctuary of his family home in Scarsdale, New York.

Don moves into a one-room apartment in Greenwich Village that displays some unconventional architectural accoutrements - such as a tub in the kitchen, a bed on stilts, under a weathered old skylight, and a locked door joining the neighboring apartment.

You may remember the movie version, released in 1972, starring Goldie Hawn

and Edward Albert.

It's still a silky paean to the 60s, homage to free love, dysfunctional families and disenfranchised youth.

Not quite *Catcher in the Rye*, *Butterflies* is essentially a love story between two very different people.

Don's next-door neighbor, Jill Tanner, is a young actress who within minutes of meeting Don has the locked door opened between their two apartments, and within a few moments after that she seduces Don.

Somewhere in the middle of that *mélange*, Don's mother walks in unexpectedly.

The ructions begin and the plot line thickens.

This delightful Highlands Summer Festival performance is directed by Tricia Lackey.

Tricia was the stage manager of *Trying* last season and she is delighted to be back to the Summer Festival in a directorial capacity.

She points out that the title of the play comes from a Charles Dickens quote, mistakenly attributed to Mark Twain by Jill in the play. "I only wish to be free. The butterflies are free. Surely mankind will surely not deny to Harold Skimpole what it concedes to butterflies."

The play's resonance rests with the shadings of the characters. There are only four characters in the play, and one, Ralph Austin, played by Logan Brown, makes only a short appearance, and that only to create tension between Jill and Don, as the unwitting foil in a makeshift battle between self-effacement and self-absorption.

Brown does well in his brief appearance, serving to exacerbate the metaphor of id run wild.

What makes this "Butterflies" special are outstanding performances by Will Lamond as the blind Don Baker; and Jocelyn Regina as the free-spirited and uninhibited Jill Tanner.

This play only survives if one believes, from their first meeting, in the power of love or attraction at first sight. The play dabbles with the esoteric meanderings of a society in flux, but it remains essentially and intrinsically a love story.

Both Lamond and Regina manage to pull off the incredibly difficult first meeting with panache and aplomb.



Lamond is very convincing as a sightless person. He doesn't overplay his part and that helps, especially at the very beginning of the play, where the inward-dwelling Jill Tanner takes a full eight minutes to finally realize that her next-door neighbor Don is "blind as a bat."

She is mortified. Regina plays her part to the ditzy tee. Tanner is an aspiring actress with a compulsion

to remain aloof. She was married once when she was sixteen for 6 days.

A move from the west coast to New York has done little to ease the pangs of her marvelous and unrepentant narcissism. She remains the classic underachiever, with a penchant for the absurd.

In order for this play to succeed in the end, we must at some point, become aware of Jill's capacity to see past that egocentric bent.

And Regina manages to deliver all of that between her lines and between "the lines."

She remains the perfect foil for Gershe's smart wit.

Of her days in California: "The climate is great but the weather is lousy."

The beauty of this play lies in the wonderful intellect of the playwright. The sentiments are just as real today as they were in the seventies and Gershe's comedic lines are still incredibly funny.

Of course, no play of this era would be complete without the sobering juxtaposition of the morally ambiguous older generation, fashioned in this play by Mrs. Baker, Don's disapproving and overbearing mother.

Mrs. Baker's part is taken on by Lesley English. English is a 30-year veteran of the stage and she brings it all to her role as the mildly annoying Mrs. Baker, who to the mortification of her son, gained national recognition as a children's author, detailing the childhood romps of Little Donny Dark, a blind boy who rises above his blindness to manage all manner of wondrous deeds.

Lesley English rises to the occasion as well, with a well-rounded performance, bringing just enough of the haughty misanthrope to her role as the disapproving mother.

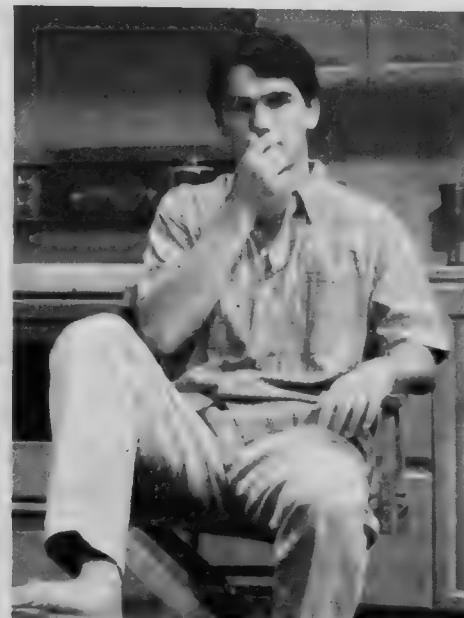
She has some very demanding scenes especially later in the play when she talks one on one with her son and then with the flighty Jill.

In the end, of course, all of the characters - except for poor young Ralph Austin - find a place where heart, spirit and love can commingle, devoid of fear and self-importance.

Irony shakes its festooned fist, and redemption finds its niche in a little patch of heaven in Greenwich Village.

But why not come on out and see for yourself.

Butterflies are free runs from July 13th to July 24th at the Northern Lights Pavilion located at Haliburton High School in Haliburton. Performances start at 8 pm sharp. ■



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What's Up Doc!

by Dr. Carol Sanio
Minden Animal Hospital

Female Dog Spot Disease: Annoying, but Treatable

Everyone has seen the large brown spots of dead grass on beautifully manicured lawns. Dogs are often blamed and the spots tend to be at the places where the dog has urinated. Urine in small amounts can fertilize lawns as it has lots of nitrogen, however, dog urine in large amounts can cause dead brown patches surrounded by a green outside ring called lawn burn.

Where there is good deep soil and good drainage, there are very few problems with the burning where dogs urinate. If there is a base of clay soil and the urine just goes into the soil and sits there, the delicate roots will burn and die leaving a brown spot on the grass.

Female dogs will urinate all in one place usually so there is a higher concentration of urine on the grass roots and a higher incidence of burn. This is so common it has been called female dog spot disease by horticulturalists. Male dogs will urinate small amounts all over the yard, on bushes, trees and often around the perimeter so the grass burn is reduced by decreased volume and it being spread around the yard.

Soil pH is usually neutral, around 7 or just under. Urine pH is also usually around 7 or just under. When there is a bacterial infection in a dog's bladder, the bacteria grow causing the pH of the urine to raise (become basic) or lower (become acidic), the former being the most common scenario in dogs. Whether the pH raises or lowers does not matter but the soil pH will change and cause a problem. This cause of lawn burning is much less likely as most dogs do not have a bladder infection.

I have had people ask about what they can feed their dog to make the urine less damaging to the lawn. Truly the best you can do is to dilute the spot where the dog urinates. Lately that has not been an issue as it has been raining nearly daily so the lawns around Haliburton county this year are likely very green and void of brown spots. During the dry times, dilute the urine spots with water and the damage will be lessened. If you have clay soil, adding peat will help alleviate some damage as well although digging up the soil below the roots of the grass is quite an undertaking.

A study revealed that Bermuda grass and Kentucky bluegrass were the most susceptible to damage from dog urine. Other studies disprove dilution of the urine helping to reduce the browning but from experience I can tell you that it can be very effective, especially when there is a high percentage of clay in the soil. One study said that "to prevent lawn damage (you should) water the area within 8 hours of urination to dilute the urine, although watering after 12 hours actually increased burning of the grass."

Training your dog to urinate in one area especially if it is a puppy. It's quite simple if you are consistent and dedicated. I tell puppy owners to pick a designated area close to the house but not too close and take the puppy on a leash to that area only to eliminate. It is much easier to go to one area to dilute urine than all over the yard or put up with one area with brown spots and have a beautiful lawn elsewhere. □



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

GIRLFRIEND CAN'T GET CLEARANCE TO SEE MAN'S TOP-SECRET LIST

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Beau," and I moved in together and already we have trust issues. He doesn't trust me around his computer. He said he has things on it that are part of his past, and it's none of my business. One of the things he doesn't want me to see is "The List." He keeps a list of all the girls he has slept with — including one-night stands. I have asked Beau how many there have been, but he doesn't want to tell me "because it will hurt me." He has revealed that it's a number between 10 and 50. I have asked him to delete the list, but he said that if he gets a weird disease in the future, he can always refer back to it. I have nightmares about this. Should I drop the matter? — UNLISTED NUMBER IN TEXAS

DEAR UNLISTED: No, honey. You should drop him. If Beau was simply afraid you would see how many women he has slept with and was trying to protect your feelings, he would print out the list and stash it in a safety deposit box. What he's afraid of is that you'll see the list is GROWING. I don't blame you for having nightmares. A man who is seriously worried that he'll get a weird disease in the future is exposing himself and YOU to them now. So pack your bags, get out of there and schedule an appointment with your gynecologist ASAP.

DEAR ABBY: My older sister, "Carole," has been dealing with breast cancer for almost a year. Although my family and I live three hours away and are struggling with problems of our own, we have always been supportive of her. Last week, Carole called to tell me she'll be going to Australia at the end of the year — a "reward" from her husband for everything she has been through. I was happy for her until she informed me that I would be taking care of her kids for two weeks while she's on vacation. I joked, "It doesn't sound like you're giving me any choice in this." She replied: "No, I'm not. I went through cancer. I deserve this trip." I reminded Carole that when I watched her kids just two months ago, things didn't go well. They are completely different from my children, and they don't like each other. Her 5-year-old daughter cried all night, every night while she was here. Her son destroys everything he comes into contact with — we still have a hole in the bedroom wall — and has a vocabulary I don't want my kids exposed to. Do I have a right to just say "no" and offer my best wishes in finding a sitter? I feel guilty, but I don't feel she's entitled to demand this from me. Am I being a bad sister? — NEEDS RESOLUTION IN THE MID-ATLANTIC

DEAR NEEDS RESOLUTION: Your reasons for declining your sister's edict seem perfectly reasonable to me. You took care of your niece and nephew before — it didn't work out. You are perfectly within your rights to be firm with Carole and let her know she's going to have to make other arrangements for her little ones while she's on holiday. A perfect solution would be for them to be looked after by either set of grandparents.

For week of: July 20

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making everyone you know — or even just met — feel important and welcome in your life.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries leadership qualities can help bring order out of all that confusion, whether it's on the job or in the home. But be careful to guide, not goad, others into following you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Applying a more personal view to a job-linked issue could help provide better insight into those persistent problems. Use your keen Taurean logic to cut through the double-talk.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking some time off could be the best way to get through that seemingly endless round of demands. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle things from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Restoring a sagging professional relationship takes a lot of effort. By all means, state your position. But also make sure you pay close attention to the other person's point of view.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A hot prospect intrigues the Big Cat, who is always on the prowl for a promising investment. But be careful that this "promise" has a chance of being kept. Check it out more carefully.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend could use some of your compassion and concern. If he or she doesn't ask for help, be sure you step up and make the first move. Also, check out a new career possibility.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might have difficulty getting your opinions heard because of all the noise being made by the other side. But hang in there. Others should line up with you once they learn the facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Offering to help a colleague is commendable. But before you commit your time and effort, check to see if that person's situation is all that he or she has led you to believe it is.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You should soon be seeing positive results from your recent efforts on behalf of a family member. On another matter, check that you have all the facts regarding a job assignment.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects favor closer family relationships this week. Take time for visits, whether in person, by phone, by mail or in cyberspace. Let them know how important they are to you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A missed opportunity isn't always a negative. Maybe your instincts are telling you not to rush into something you "thought" was worthwhile. Make time for family this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sense of humor helps you get through a tricky situation. But some stick-in-the-muds might not be so willing to make the changes that you and others agree are necessary.

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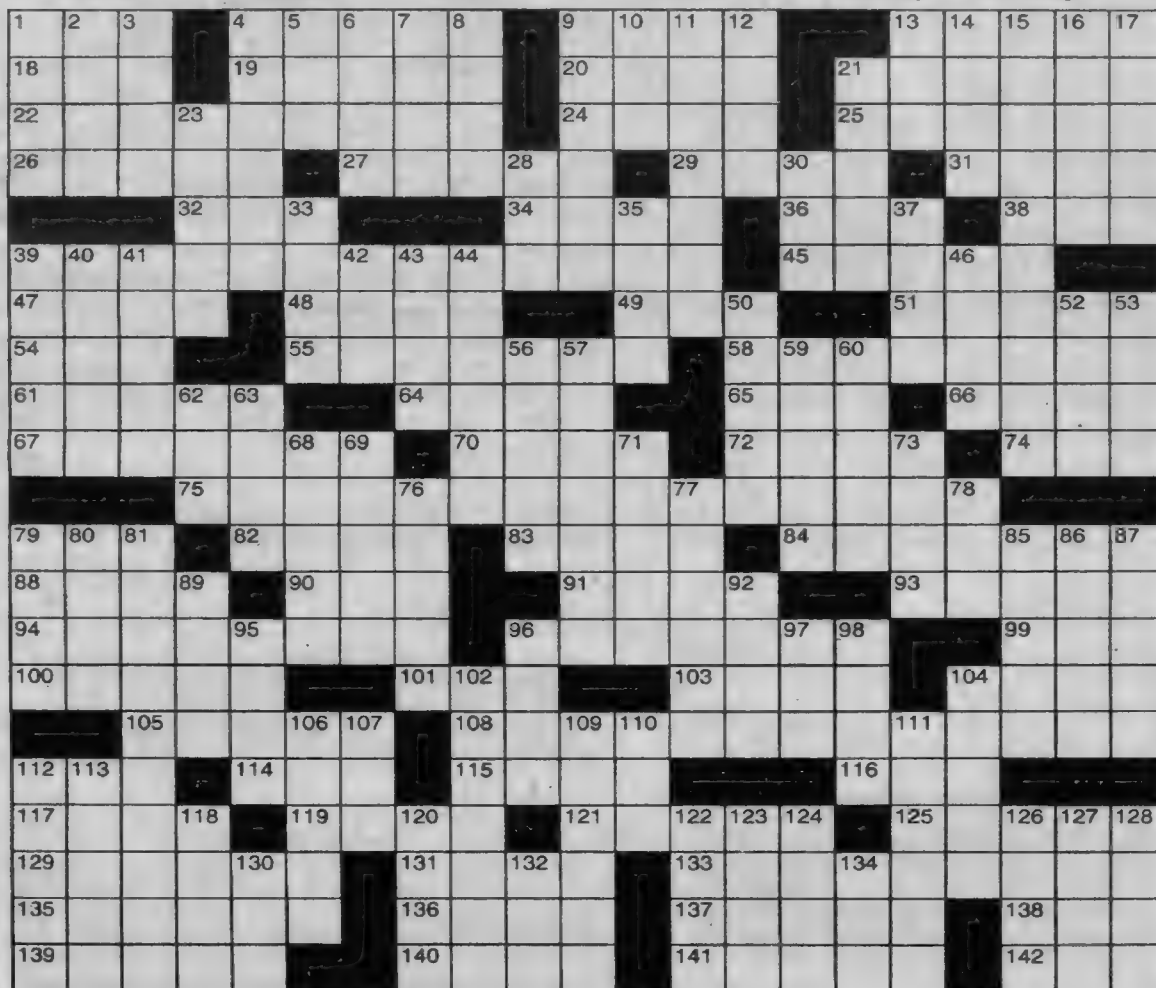
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 - 13 "Turandot" tenor
 - 18 Heady quaff
 - 19 Savanna sight
 - 20 Lhasa —
 - 21 Arbus apparatus
 - 22 Rodent's favorite
 - 24 Lost in thought
 - 25 Nuclear
 - 26 Brimming
 - 27 Join up
 - 29 Take into account
 - 31 Hook's mate
 - 32 — reaction
 - 34 Diva
 - 36 Moon crawler
 - 38 Relative of -ator
 - 39 Rodent cheese-cake?
 - 45 Laundry problem
 - 47 Frigga's fellow
 - 48 Young boxers
 - 49 Relished a roast
- DOWN**
- 1 Secure spot
 - 2 — mater
 - 3 Rosary part
 - 4 Speak freely
 - 5 Roth —
 - 6 Exist
 - 7 Temptation location
 - 8 Earl —
 - 9 Biggers
 - 10 Antipollution grp.
 - 11 "The — Jungle" ('50 film)
 - 12 Carry
 - 13 Purrfect pet?
 - 14 Grandpa
 - 15 Rodent refreshment?
 - 16 Pisces follower
 - 17 Sapphire side
 - 21 Future officer
 - 23 "We've Only Just —" ('70 hit)
 - 28 Hockey legend
 - 30 Urban transport
 - 33 Sugar amts.
 - 35 Barbecue
 - 37 Christmas visitors
 - 39 Voting venue
 - 40 Turn of phrase
 - 41 Sib's kid
 - 42 On the — vive (alert)
 - 43 Summer coil
 - 44 Tristan's tootsie
 - 46 Actress Skye
 - 50 Take the honey and run
 - 52 Mayberry town drunk
 - 53 "Why don't we?"
 - 56 Sadistic
 - 57 In the saddle
 - 59 Saying
 - 60 Cheerful
 - 62 Bk. convenience
 - 63 Neighbor of Thailand
 - 68 Used the microwave
 - 69 Digression
 - 71 Prose piece
 - 73 Boat bottom
 - 76 Atlanta campus
 - 77 Indentation
 - 78 Mintz or Whitney
 - 79 Johnny of "Chocolat"
 - 80 Soap additive
 - 81 City of rodents?
 - 85 Architect Jones
 - 86 Window dressing?
 - 87 McCarthy's trunkmate
 - 89 West. alliance
 - 92 Brace
 - 95 Asta's mistress
 - 96 Snarl
 - 97 Banned pesticide
 - 98 London district
 - 102 Shake up
 - 104 Actor's actor?
 - 106 Spassky's game
 - 107 Pillbox, e.g.
 - 109 Bit of a beach
 - 110 Medical
 - 111 TV's "Eight Is —"
 - 112 About to sink
 - 113 Screwdriver ingredient
 - 118 Spouse
 - 120 Composer Wilder
 - 122 Prod
 - 123 Binky's "— Road"
 - 124 Tend the sauce
 - 126 Wallop
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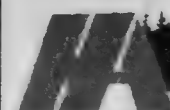
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Subject: PLANET EARTH
(e.g., What kind of natural phenomenon "meanders"? Answer: River or stream.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. What is the name given to the study of earthquakes?

Answer _____

2. An ocean region near the equator characterized by dead calms and light winds.

Answer _____

3. Term for the part of Earth and its atmosphere in which living organisms can exist.

Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. A community where each organism is eaten in turn by another organism.

Answer _____

5. Term for the interaction between two different organisms to the advantage of both.

Answer _____

Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. The meteorological term for the horizontal transport of atmospheric properties such as heat.

Answer _____

8. What kind of tide occurs during the full moon and the new moon?

Answer _____

9. What is the scientific scale used for measuring the hardness of rocks?

Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Seismology. 2. Doldrums. 3. Biosphere. 4. Food chain. 5. Symbiosis. 6. Sponges. 7. Advection. 8. Spring tide. 9. Mohs scale.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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ART

Art - What do People Really Think?

It's not unusual to hear a huge disparity of opinions when it comes to art. Is today's art relevant? Does visual art still excite viewers, or does it turn them off? What is the relationship between the artist and the observer? These are some of the questions that Laurie Carmount, curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, hopes to find out through the "relate 09" exhibit.

Three artists, Shelley Beach, Steve Hudak and June Stone were invited to display samplings of their art at the Jamieson gallery. At the exhibit opening on July 10th, visitors were encouraged to write comments on yellow sticky-notes and place them on the walls, unsigned. Art exhibits generally follow the, "If you can't say anything good, then just shut-up format", but as Andy Hilo quipped, "Is there any other art gallery that gives you free wine and asks for your opinions on sticky-notes?"

During introductions, all three artists credited Carmount and the gallery for the opportunity to display their work, and for her unconventional willingness to let viewers state an opinion, a real one. Conversely, one can't help but admire the artists themselves for allowing the public to comment on their work in such an unorthodox fashion. Egos are often a difficult thing to nurture, it's refreshing to see that some artists are really interested in the opinions of others and are willing to be the quasi guinea pigs for something that may be of benefit to both the arts community and the rest of us.

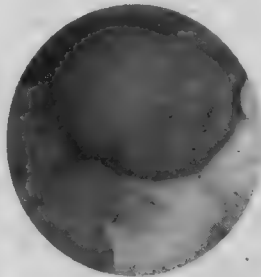
The exhibit runs until August 29th, and the sticky-notes are there in abundance! A forum to discuss "art and opinion" will be held on July 23rd from 6 to 8. Further information can be obtained at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery 705-286-3763.

Birth

Steve Mullan & Linsey Trotter

are extremely pleased to announce the birth of their baby girl Brooke Marlene Marie Mullan. Born on July 11, 2009 at 1:10 am at Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz.

She is welcomed by Mommy & Daddy, Grandparents Alfred & Joan Trotter, Grandparents Walma & Mullan, Aunt Lacey & Uncle Steve, Aunt Lesley and her many other family & friends.



Cards of Thanks

We wish to thank all the staff at Haliburton Hospital for their excellent care. Special thanks to Dr. Steve Ferracuti for his quick and accurate diagnosis and to Dr. Karl Hartwick for his vigilant daily care and for the connection with Dr. Imrie at Sunnybrook. Also many thanks to Lanes good friends who gave up days off to hang with him in the hospital. (you need to finish the risk game) to everyone for their prayers, gifts and calls..thank you from the bottoms of our hearts!
George Elaine and Lane Schmid

In Memory of

In Loving Memory of Gladys Pauline Gliddon

August 13, 1917-July 8, 2009

Passed away peacefully at her home in Haliburton. In her 92nd year.

Predeceased by her husband Oswald, brothers Harvey, Harold, Gordon, Arnold, John, Wallace, Clifford and her sisters Greta, Evelyn and Helen. Survived by her son Bill, sister Maisie and by her many nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to celebrate her life at a service at St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton on Monday, July 13th, 2009 at 11:00 am. There will be no visitation, but all are invited to the Reception at the church, following the interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to St. George's Church - "Raise the Roof" project would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.

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Death Notices

Terry Barnum

January 10, 1931 - July 10, 2009

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on July 10, 2009. In his 76th year. Beloved husband of the late Norma, dear father of Kevin and Pam, Rick and Sue all of Barrie, loving grandpa of Kaleb. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.



Gloria Welsh

left us early at the age of 59, on July 15, 2009, at Peterborough Hospital. She will be sadly missed by her father Bill Welsh, her sisters Nancy Welsh, Barb Welsh, and Joanne Irvine, brother-in-law Brett Irvine, nephews Shawn Welsh, Colin Johnston, and great-nephews Cody and Josh. Funeral arrangements pending. Grave-side service at Ingoldsby Cemetery at 4:00 p.m. on July 18, 2009. Gloria will be laid to rest beside her loving mother, Roberta Welsh. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

In Memory of

In Loving Memory of Lydia Margaret "Leda" Roberts

Longtime Employee of the Kozy Komer Restaurant (1941-1974)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on July 9, 2009 with her family by her side. In her 90th year.

Daughter of the late Marg and Arnold Roberts. Dear sister of Marie Roberts at Extencicare, Haliburton, "2nd Mom" to Pat Cowen of Haliburton, like a sister to Ray and Loreen O'Neill, Dale Robertson (all deceased), Delaine (Gerry) Dyer of Nestleton, like a grandmother to Kelly and Sheldon Stevenson, and Jamie Cowen and great grandmother to Brooke and Bo, Summer and James. A wonderful cousin to many and a friend to all.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Friday, July 10, 2009 from 7 - 9 pm. and at the Haliburton United Church on Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 10:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service at 11:00 am. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Reception to follow back at the Church.

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THANK YOU - The family of the late Jean McKelvey would like to Thank all her friends for all there support at our time of loss. The phone calls, cards, food, and words of support also the doctors, nurses, at the Haliburton Hospital, the air ambulance that flew mom to Peterbough Hospital, the Doctors and Nurses at the Peterbough Hospital, also to mom's Home Care, Mary Harton and Kelly Cooper, for the great care they gave mom. To Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, for all the help and caring they showed us. To everyone who sent lovely flowers and the donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thanks again you will never be forgotten. Betty Alfred and Family. (JulyC09)

Coming Events

FAMILY FUN DAY IN LOCHLIN - This fun filled event start's with a horseshoe tournament at 11:00a.m., bbq, games for the whole family, country auction, clown, pony rides, and live entertainment from the Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders. Please come out and support this fun filled event on August 8th beginning at 11:30a.m. Rain or Shine! For more information call Paula at 705-457-3557. (AugA09)

Coming Events

MINDEN'S ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW - Friday July 24, 2009, 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. and Saturday July 25 10a.m.-4:00p.m. "Sentimental Journey" celebrating Minden's 150th and The Flower Show's 30th birthday. Join us for beautiful flowers, loads of door prizes, cake and ice cream all for only \$5.00 at the Community Centre.

YARD SALE

YARD SALE - This Friday - Sunday 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. At 7 St. Germaine Street Minden, hot tub, compressor, collectables, glassware, crystal, china, coins, furs, stamps, books and records; huge picnic table, tent, jewelry, microwave, garden wood carvings, glass block wall, craft supplies, household items, loads of C.D's, tapes, and VHS movies, TV's VCR, bunk beds, furniture, FREE PILE, must see, to much to list, Rain or Shine. (JulyC09)

GIANT YARD SALE - Saturday July 18th, 2009, 1679 Fred Jones Road (Dover Springs). Big O Pipe, subfloor tiles, aluminum edging, table saw, precision manual mitre saw, Styrofoam floats, lots of household items. Lawn mower, dehumidifiers, dog cage, books, puzzles, pottery, and much more! (JulyB09)

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Education: High School plus additional specialized courses taught in Community College of 3 academic years in road construction, road safety and heavy equipment operation with CRS-1 designation or the equivalent of.

Experience: 3 to 4 years in maintenance and construction in a municipal or provincial road system, including staff supervision.

A valid Class DZ license is required: a valid Class AZ license is an asset.

A detailed job description is available at the Municipal Office. This is a Union position. Qualified applicants may submit resume to Sharon Stoughton-Craig, CAO/Treasurer Municipality of Highlands East, 2249 Loop Road, Box 295 Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0 Tel 705-448-2981 ext 227, Fax 705-448-2532, email ssstocraig@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used for candidate selection purposes only.

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Pilot Project Manager

SIRCH is partnering with Rails End Gallery to pilot a "cottage industry" which will interweave recycling, job creation, and arts & crafts. This 7 month initiative, ending March 2010, will require a self-motivated Project Manager to organize the pilot, recruit participants, collect recyclable materials, organize training, production and distribution. The products, a variety of enviro-bags and sock creatures, will be sold, with profit sharing among the project participants. The Project Manager will work largely independently with support from SIRCH. Pilot project budget is \$14,500. For a pilot project outline, please email marg_hockley@sirch.on.ca. Interested parties please send a letter of intent and resume by July 31, 2009 to Gena Robertson, Executive Director, SIRCH Community Services, Box 687, Haliburton.

'Stepping In' to the Haliburton Sculpture Forest

Grand Induction Ceremony for One Very Large Shoe Generates Great Response

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter



Shelley Schell, Vice Chair of the Haliburton Highlands Sculpture Forest, speaks highly of Barb Bolin, former principal of Haliburton's Fleming College campus.

Barb Bolin gets comfy with Charles O'Neil, the creator of the glitzy shoe.



When taking a walk through the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, one might think that a giant woman visited the area at some time or another. Yes, it's hard to miss the massive, two-metre tall shimmering steel shoe that is made up of thousands of beads, crystal glass and stainless steel wire; but yes, it was intentionally created to join the 21 other sculptures that sit still in the tranquil location.

This past Monday, members of the public were invited to the Haliburton Sculpture Forest in Glebe Park for the grand induction of "Fire and Ice: A Really Big Shoe" — a sculpture by renowned Haliburton County artist Charles O'Neil.

Some of the special guest's on-hand for the ceremony included Sandra Dupret, Principal of Haliburton's Fleming College campus, Jim Blake, Curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, Barb Bolin, Chair of the Sculpture Forest committee, Vice Chair Shelley Schell and Charles O'Neil himself.

Dupret opened up the induction by sharing a few words on the positive impact that the Sculpture Forest has in the community. She said that college is very fortunate to have "such a resource in its own backyard."

"It's a living, learning lab for our students," explained Dupret. "It's a fine example of the collaborative work that is produced in Haliburton County."

The shoe sculpture, which is one of two pieces that was added to the forest in the past year, is adorned with nearly 4,000 fire glazed glass beads from the Czech Republic and faceted clear beads from China. The sculpture was dedicated to Bolin, who served as the Principal of Haliburton's Fleming campus for 35 years.

So how did it all come together? After Bolin's retirement in 2007, her friends and coworkers donated to a fund to help buy the sculpture in her honour. Bolin was asked which artist she would like to be commissioned to do the piece. She went with O'Neil for a number of reasons — he lives in Haliburton County, he already had contributed a piece to the Sculpture Forest, and she loved his stylish, bold and bright pieces, many of which were shoes made to a wearable size.

"When I had to choose an artist to do a sculpture for me, I knew that I wanted Chuck to do it because he's such a special person in my heart as a friend and colleague," explained Bolin.

"This shoe is welcoming, it's bright, it's cheerful and it's fun. That's why I wanted a shoe," she said.

So how did O'Neil first develop a 'foot fetish' for art? A few years ago he was displaying his work at the Buyers Market of America of Philadelphia. It was there that his wire sculptures of animals and human figures caught the eye of world renowned shoe designer Stuart Weitzman. Weitzman was impressed by what he saw and approached O'Neil and asked him to create sculpt wire shoes for his corporate art collection. O'Neil gladly accepted the request.

At Monday's ceremony, O'Neil thanked all those who helped make the sculpture possible and he commended the community for its undying support of the arts scene.

"I've always found this community to be very supportive of my artistic endeavours," he said.

To see this really big shoe for yourself, and the many other pieces that line the forest, check out the free tours that offered each Tuesday at 10 a.m. in July and August.

For more details please call 705 457-3555 or email info@haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

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To help make that possible, the fourth annual Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Day fundraiser was held last Saturday on the property of the HHWT office in the Township of Algonquin Highlands. The festive event included a silent auction, music from David Archibald, a guided hike, fun with Ziggy the Clown and geocaching.

Informative displays were also set-up at the event by organizations such as the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Safe Boating Canada, Wilderness Medical Associates and Fire Management Aviation of Haliburton. ■

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



The ladies of The Dragon Flies, a dragon boat team from the City of Kawartha Lakes, were invited to put on a demonstration at St. Nora Lake during the fourth annual Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Day.

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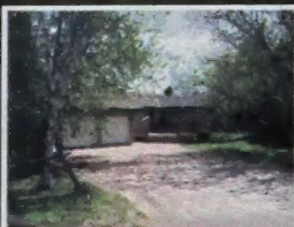
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